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The objects and work of the Department are described on p. 721.

MARKETS ABROAD FOR BRITISH AND IRISH GOODS.

Index of British and Irish Manufacturers to be compiled by the Department of Commercial Intelligence.

The Department of Commercial Intelligence of the Board of Trade is compiling an Index or Directory of British and Irish manufacturers which it is proposed to forward to Consular Officers, Trade Commissioners, and other Correspondents of the Board of Trade abroad, for use in dealing with enquiries which they may receive for the supply of British and Irish goods, both now and for delivery after the war. A large number of firms have already supplied information as to their products to the Department, but before transmitting this information abroad it is desired that all manufacturers in the United Kingdom interested in the export trade should have an opportunity of applying for the inclusion of their names in this Index. The Department is now compiling the sections of the Index dealing with the following trades:—

(1) Boots and shoes.
(2) Leather and leather goods.
(3) Wearing apparel.
(4) Rope, twine and net trades.
(5) Haberdashery.
(6) Fancy goods.
(7) Floor cloths and coverings.

Manufacturers in these trades in the United Kingdom are invited to supply a detailed list of the articles which they manufacture; a list of the markets abroad in which they are more particularly interested; particulars of their agents abroad, their terms of business, and, generally, any information which would be of use in enabling enquiries from persons desirous of purchasing goods from the United Kingdom to be dealt with adequately.

Manufacturers who desire to apply for the inclusion of their names in this Index should forward particulars to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. Envelopes should be marked "Index."

OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

New Sources of Supplies Required.

Since the outbreak of the war, applications have been received at the Department of Commercial Intelligence from a large number of firms in all parts of the United Kingdom, and abroad, who wish to get into communication with British manufacturers or producers of various classes of goods which have previously been obtained from Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Applications have been recorded during the past week for the names of manufacturers or producers of the following (amongst other) articles; British manufacturers or producers of these articles now in a position to supply are invited to make application for the names of the enquirers :—

Machinery, etc.—
- Machinery for making alpargatas soles.
- Machinery for making carbon papers.

Permanganate of potash.
Portable clockwork fans.
Tags for boot and corset laces.

NOTICE TO EXPORTERS.

In reading the following notices of possible openings for British goods abroad, regard should be had to the necessity for taking strict precautions against trading with the enemy—*see* the Notes on pp. 717–8 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th March—also to the restrictions on trading in certain goods and the special regulations in regard to trading with certain countries, which have been notified from time to time in the "Board of Trade Journal." *In any case of doubt or difficulty concerning the various regulations, information may be obtained either by letter or on personal application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.*

CEYLON.

Sale of Enemy Property—Oil Mills.

The Department of Commercial Intelligence is informed by the Crown Agents for the Colonies that tenders are invited for the purchase of the Hulftsdorp Mills, situated in a central part of the town of Colombo, Ceylon, consisting of freehold land of about 17 acres, with buildings and machinery, together with other appurtenant properties situated in the neighbourhood, and the goodwill of the business of the owners so far as it relates to the mills.

The mills, the property of Messrs. Freudenberg and Company, are being sold by the liquidators of the said firm under "The Enemy Firms Liquidation Ordinance (No. 20) of 1916" as amended by "The Enemy Firms Liquidation (Amendment) Ordinance (No. 4) of 1917." The sale is under, and subject to, the provisions of the said Ordinance, a copy of which may be obtained at any of the offices mentioned below. Special attention is drawn to Section 45 of the said Ordinance, by which the sale will convey an absolute title to all the property comprised in the sale, subject to the terms of the Section.

The business consisted in manufacturing coconut oil for foreign and local sale, and fertilisers for local sale. It continues to be worked, pending the sale, for the manufacture of oil for local firms who supply copra, and these firms are charged a price per ton of oil manufactured; but the manufacture and storage of fertilisers on the premises is no longer allowed. The value of the oil sold during 1911, 1912, and 1913 was 5,600,000, 4,500,000, and 7,500,000 rupees, respectively (rupee = 1s. 4d., par rate). The expressing capacity of the oil machinery is about 60 tons per day. The buildings include oil mills, fertiliser mills, and stores for copra (capacity 6,000 tons), poonac (1,200 tons), and fertilisers (8,000 tons). There are also several small houses for residence of employees. The oil yard has a storage capacity of

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CEYLON—*continued.*

2,500 tons of oil. The machinery includes plant for the manufacture of oil and fertilisers.

No tender by any person who is not a British subject, or by any "Corporation under foreign control," as defined by the Ordinance above referred to, will be accepted or considered.

Tenders will be received up to noon on 25th September at: (*a*) the (office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4, Millbank, London, S.W. 1; (*b*) the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, Colombo, Ceylon; (*c*) the ffice of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal at Calcutta; (*d*) the office of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay at Bombay; and (*e*) the office of the Collector at Madras.

Plans and descriptions of the land, a list of the machinery, the conditions of sale, and copies of the Ordinance under which the sale is being held, can be *consulted* at the offices mentioned above.

Tenderers in the United Kingdom are invited to furnish the Crown Agents, when they submit their tenders, with evidence of their British character.

(D.C.I. 30,730.)

CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

Marine Engineering Equipment; Oil Engines; Drills; Bar Iron; Steel; Joists, Channels; Pumps; etc.

The Office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada reports that a firm in Montreal desires to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned below, with a view to representing them throughout the Dominion and in Newfoundland. The goods for which agencies are desired are:—*Marine engineering equipment, crude oil engines, diamond core drills, bar iron and steel, tool steel, joists, channels, pumps, etc.* The firm proposes to act as selling agents, and to carry stock.

While preferring to deal with manufacturers, the firm is prepared to act for merchants and for export agents where the latter have sole agencies. (Reference No. 235.) *See Note † following.* (D.C.I. 29,551.)

Groceries; Drugs; Hardware.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Toronto (Mr. F. W. Field) reports that an agent in that city desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *groceries, drugs, and hardware.* (Reference No. 236.) *See Note † following.*

(D.C.I. 29,782.)

Note †.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned and, in the first instance, merchants and export agents dealing in U.K. goods, desirous of being represented in Canada and Newfoundland, may obtain the names and addresses of the respective enquirers on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the relative reference number should be quoted.

In the case of such of the goods as manufacturers may not be able to deliver at present (see Notice to Exporters on p. 678) it is suggested that negotiations might be entered into now, with a view to trade when circumstances permit.

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The following enquiries have been received at the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2., *whence further information may be obtained:—*

HOME ENQUIRIES.

Canadian Canned Salmon *wanted.*

A London firm is desirous of being placed in touch with Canadian packers and shippers of canned salmon.

Canadian Horse Shoes *wanted.*

Another London firm enquires for the addresses of Canadian manufacturers of horse shoes.

Note.—For further information regarding either of the foregoing enquiries, application should be made to the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. (D.C.I. 24,885.)

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AUSTRALIA.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in Australia (Mr. G. T. Milne) reports the receipt of the following enquiries:—

Aeroplane Parts; Helical Gears.

A firm of engineers and machinery agents established at Sydney, claiming to have a useful connection, desires to obtain the representation in Australia—more especially in New South Wales and Queensland—of United Kingdom manufacturers of *aeroplane parts of every description, and helical gears.* (Reference No. 237.) *See Note † following.* (D.C.I. 29,670.)

Engines; Motor Trucks; Motor Cars; Refrigerating Plants; Sheep Dip; Wire Netting and Wire.

A Sydney firm of machinery agents and merchants desires to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of the specialities mentioned below, with a view to obtaining sole agencies either for New South Wales or for the whole of the Commonwealth. The goods referred to are:—*Portable steam engines, suction gas engines, Diesel oil engines, motor trucks, light motor cars, compact refrigerating plants suitable for outback Australian stations, sheep dip, wire netting, barbed wire, and fencing wire.*

The firm, which claims to have a large and very useful connection, particularly in the country districts, states that it would purchase direct on its own account, if possible on a c.i.f. and e. basis, from any manufacturer whose agency it might undertake. The firm is also connected with a Perth firm which did a large trade in German fencing wire prior to the war, and an agency for *fencing wire* of British manufacture is particularly desired. (Reference No. 238.) *See Note † following.* (D.C.I. 29,673.)

Note †.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, desirous of being represented in Australia, may obtain the names and addresses of the respective enquirers on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the relative reference number should be quoted.

In the case of such of the goods as manufacturers may not be able to deliver at present (see Notice to Exporters on p. 678), it is suggested that negotiations might be entered into now with a view to trade as soon as circumstances permit.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

Paper and Paper Ware; Stationery.

The following information regarding the trade in paper, paper ware and stationery in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States has been received from the Malay States Information Agency in London:—

There is a large import trade in paper and paper goods into the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States, and this market, says the Agency, is one that should receive more attention from British manufacturers as soon as circumstances permit.

The total value of these imports into Straits Settlements ports in 1913 was £232,814, of which amount the share of the United Kingdom was £70,471, the share of Hong Kong was £52,788, China £46,198, and Austria-Hungary £40,764. In 1915, out of a total of £213,320 worth of these goods, imports from the United Kingdom were valued at £53,506, against £60,362 from Hong Kong and £20,877 from China. Imports from Italy increased from £1,508 in 1913 to £28,051 in 1915, while Japan increased her trade from £2,416 in 1913 to £14,126 in 1915. The total value of imports of paper and paper goods in 1916 was £312,790.

Reference to the foregoing shows that Hong Kong and China have a considerable share of the imports of paper and paper goods into Straits Settlements ports, and this may be accounted for by the fact that the Chinese population in Malaya use a particular kind of paper manufactured in Hong Kong and China, and, to a lesser extent, also in Japan.

The import trade in stationery is also considerable. In 1913 the total imports amounted in value to £101,706, as compared with £67,284 and £65,434 in 1914 and 1915, respectively. Of these totals the United Kingdom supplied

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. FEDERATED MALAY STATES—*continued.*

goods to the value of £68,181 in 1913, £45,673 in 1914, and £41,230 in 1915, her only serious competitors in 1913 being Germany with imports valued at £8,032 and Sweden with £4,130. Imports of stationery in 1916 were valued at £115,988. A portion of the imports of paper and stationery are retained in the Straits Settlements, and the balance exported to the Malay States, British North Borneo and the Netherlands East Indies, but by far the largest share is taken by the Federated Malay States. (D.C.I. 29,923.)

FRANCE.

Household Hardware; Small Tools; Ironmongery; Aniline Dyes.

A firm of manufacturers' agents in Paris wishes to represent a few British firms manufacturing *household hardware, small tools and ironmongery in general, and also aniline dyes.* This firms claims to have excellent connections. Its principal is now in the United Kingdom.

Communications in reference to this enquiry should be addressed to the Secretary, Statistical and Information Department, London Chamber of Commerce, 97, Cannon Street, London, E.C. 4.

In the case of such of the goods as manufacturers may not be able to deliver at present (see Notice to Exporters on p. 678), it is suggested that negotiations might be entered into now with a view to trade when circumstances permit.

(D.C.I. 31,266.)

SPAIN (Balearic Islands).

Medicines; Chemical Products.

H.M. Consul at Palma (Mr. R. A. Fontana) reports that a pharmaceutical chemist in that city desires to obtain agencies in the Balearic Islands for United Kingdom manufacturers of *medicines and chemical products of all kinds, including anæsthetics.* Prior to the war the local markets were largely supplied with these goods by Germany. The enquirer now wishes to replace German goods by British goods, which he believes would find a ready and wide sale in that district; he desires to hold stocks so as to enable him to do a large distributing business. In the case of such goods as United Kingdom firms may not be able to deliver at present (*see Notice to Exporters on p.* 678), it is suggested that negotiations might be entered into now, with a view to business being done directly circumstances permit.

United Kingdom manufacturers of medicines and chemical products, desirous of appointing an agent for the Balearic Islands, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the reference number (239) should be quoted. (D.C.I. 30,769.)

ITALY.

Linings.

The Acting British Consul-General at Turin (Mr. T. D. Dunlop) reports that an agent in that city, who has been a traveller for Italian textile houses, desires to obtain the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *mixed cotton and woollen dress linings of the same class as the Barmen-Elberfeld linings.*

United Kingdom manufacturers of linings, desirous of appointing an agent in Turin, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the reference number (240) should be quoted. (D.C.I. 30,123.)

BRAZIL.

Pencil-Holders.

In a report to his Government, published in "Commerce Reports" (Washington) of 19th May, the United States Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro writes that there appears to be a good demand in that city for a pencil-holder

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BRAZIL—*continued.*

consisting of an upright spring wire attachment either fastened to a metal base, or adapted to be fastened permanently to a desk or writing table, for use in banks, business houses, restaurants, telegraph offices, etc., where pencils, if not fastened down, are often carried away by the public.

Such a holder was imported in fair quantities into Brazil from Germany prior to the war, but at the present time there appears to be little or no import of it from any source. A pencil arrangement of this kind, adds the United States Consul-General, commands a comparatively high price in Rio de Janeiro, which, however, is partly accounted for by the heavy customs duty.

REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

Material for Aqueduct Works.

The "Diario Oficial" (Bogotá) of 27th April publishes a Resolution authorising the Municipal Council of Zipaquirá to contract a loan of 24,000 pesos (£4,800), to be devoted to the construction of an aqueduct and a series of culverts at that town, which is in the Department of Cundinamarca.

VENEZUELA.

Plant and Material for Working Oil Deposits.

The "Gaceta Oficial" (Caracas) of 8th May publishes the text of a contract between the Venezuelan "Ministerio de Fomento" and Francisco Ortin, of Maracaibo, for the working of petroleum, asphalt, etc., deposits in the Jají Municipality, State of Merida, the Government leasing the deposits for a period of 25 years.

The issue of the "Gaceta" of 9th May contains the text of a similar contract with Doctor Rafael Cabrera Malo, of Caracas, for the working of oil deposits in the Antonio Diaz Municipality, in the Federal Territory of Delta-Amacuro.

The concessionaires must commence the working of the deposits within three years from the date of the approval of the contracts. They will be required to pay annually to the Government 1 bolivar (9·6d.) for each hectare leased, and 2 bolivars in respect of every metric ton of products produced.

All machinery, dredges, pipes, instruments and accessories, etc., imported from abroad for the working of the deposits will be exempt from customs duties. The concessionaires will also have the right to establish railway connections, aerial ropeways, etc., and to construct wharves at the ports of shipment.

BOLIVIA.

Soft Goods; Hardware, etc. See notice on p. 698.

PRINTED AND COMMERCIAL PAPERS POST FOR PLACES ABROAD.

With reference to the foregoing notices relative to openings for trade in the Self-Governing Dominions and elsewhere abroad, it should be borne in mind that *postage must be prepaid* on all communications addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioners and the Correspondents in the Dominions and Colonies of the Department of Commercial Intelligence and to H.M. Consular Officers in foreign countries. *Care should be taken to ensure correct stamping, particularly when catalogues are sent. Packages sent at reduced rates by the Printed and Commercial Papers Post must be sent open* (see page 58 of the Post Office Guide).

OPENINGS FOR TRADE IN ALL COUNTRIES ABROAD.

Confidential Information.

Firms in the United Kingdom desirous of receiving confidential information as to opportunities for the extension abroad of those branches of trade in which they are specially interested, and as to other connected matters, may, upon application, have their names placed on a Special Register at the Department of Commercial Intelligence.

The confidential information communicated to firms so registered relates mainly to openings for British trade abroad, and is received from His Majesty's Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the British Dominions, the Board of Trade Correspondents in other parts of the Empire, and from His Majesty's Consular Officers in Foreign Countries, supplemented by information from other sources available to the Department of Commercial Intelligence.

Firms inscribed on the Register may indicate the particular lines of trade to which the information to be sent to them should relate, and a classified list of subjects is sent to all applicants for registration with this object. During 1916, 575 separate circulars were issued (to the number of 128,662 copies) to firms on the Special Register interested in the particular branches of trade to which the circulars related.

A small charge is made for the service, *which includes the regular supply of the "Board of Trade Journal."* Firms whose names are inscribed on the Register are required to pay an annual fee of One Guinea to the Accountant-General of the Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1.

The "Journal" itself contains information as to openings for British trade abroad and as to other matters of interest to British traders generally. Information published in it is not repeated by circular to firms whose names are on the Special Register; the confidential information communicated to the latter is confined to matters which, at the time, have not been published in the "Journal," or are not intended to be published at all.

Firms in the United Kingdom who wish to have their names inscribed on the Special Register should apply in writing to the Comptroller-General of the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2, for the necessary form of application.

N.B.—Admission to the Register, and retention upon it, are at the discretion of the Board of Trade.

EXHIBITION.

SAMPLES OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN GOODS.

Exhibition at the Department of Commercial Intelligence.

An Exhibition of samples of goods of enemy manufacture, including many recent additions, is now being held *in the new Sample Rooms of the Department of Commercial Intelligence (5th Floor), 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.*

The Exhibition is open to British manufacturers and exporters of British goods every week-day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The samples, which number approximately 3,000, are of considerable variety, and are labelled with prices (where available), and the name of the country in which the goods are sold. *Certain of the samples* represent quite recent designs from enemy sources, and should be of interest to British manufacturers desirous of obtaining information respecting the new styles of goods at present being manufactured in enemy countries.

The markets represented by the samples are as follows:—United Kingdom, British India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Africa (South, East and North), Russia, Sweden, Netherlands, Denmark, France, Portugal, Italy, United States of America, Central and South America, Siam, China, and other Far Eastern markets.

A general list of the samples on exhibition appeared on p. 524 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th June.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES AFFECTING TRADE.

STATUTORY LIST OF FIRMS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH WHOM TRADING IS PROHIBITED.

Additions to and Amendments in List.*

An Order of Council, dated 22nd June, further amends the "Statutory List" of persons and bodies of persons, incorporated or unincorporated, with whom trading is prohibited, by the addition thereto, removal therefrom, and variation therein of certain names, as set forth in the following Schedule:—

SCHEDULE.

Additions to List.

ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY.†

Grebe & Diebel, Calle Suipacha 467, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Robert, Eugenio, & Company, Calle Orillas del Plata 843, Montevideo, Uruguay.
Rohde, Rappard é Langloh, Chacabuco 138, and Alsina 675, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

BOLIVIA.

Cerveceria Aguila (see Liebers, Arturo).
Liebers, Arturo (Cerveceria Aguila), Tarija.
Stark & Brandenburg, Cochabamba.

BRAZIL.

Beckmann é Company, Rua Florencio de Abreu 99, and Caixa Postal 1154, Sao Paulo.
Beuttenmuller & Company, Rua da Alfandega 89 and Caixa de Correio 77, Rio de Janeiro.
Fabrica Metallurgica de Sao Paulo (see Fabrica Metallurgica Allema).
Festenburg & Company, Corumba.
Henrique & Leal, Rua Sao Pedro 52, Rio de Janeiro; & Rua José Bonifacio 36, Sao Paulo.
Lima, Casimiro (of Carlos Boschen & Company), Rio de Janeiro.
Schlesinger & Company, Rua da Alfandega 103, Rio de Janeiro.
Steinbach, Hans, Bahia.

CHILE.

Bähre & Company (see Bähre, Herbst & Company).
Bähre, Herbst & Company (Bähre & Company), Santiago, Concepcion, Valdivia, Talcahuano & Valparaiso.
Chavez, Eliseo, Antofagasta.
Del Rio, Delfin, Punta Arenas.
Gelder, Dr. G. de, Santiago.
Ibanez, Adolfo (of Bähre & Company), Talcahuano.
Mass, Roberto, & Company, Valparaiso.
Mesquida, M., Juan.
Rio, Delfin Del (see Del Rio, Delfin).
Rocher, Eduardo A., Valparaiso.

COLOMBIA.

Lubinius, Gustavus, Bucaramanga.
Wolf, Pablo, Bogotá.

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* See Note (1) on p. 687.

† See Note (2) on p. 687.

Government Notices affecting Trade.

STATUTORY LIST OF FIRMS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH WHOM TRADING IS PROHIBITED—*continued.*

Additions to List—*continued.*

GREECE.

Conteas, Demetrios, Calamata.
Conteas, Leonidas G., Calamata.
Conteas Panayiotis, Calamata.
"Esperina," Rue Philhèllenes, Athens.
"Skrip," Rue Philhellènes, Athens.

NETHERLANDS.

Friedmann, F., Tulpstraat 12, Amsterdam.
Krupp, Fried. A. G. (see Kruppsche Spedition und Rhederei Comptoir Für).
Loock, H., & Company, O.Z. Maaskade 70, Rotterdam.
Pierson & Company (late Adolf Boissevain & Company), Heerengracht 237-239, Amsterdam.
Rennel Frères, Badhuisweg, Scheveningen.
Thyssen, J. W., & Company, Venlo.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Gan Tiong Keng, Macassar.
Gulik, J. F. Van, Medan.
Jessen, H., Medan.
Jo Tjong Eng, Macassar.
Liem Hok Siang, Macassar.
Marczak, I., & Company, Kota Radja, Acheen, North Sumatra.
Meulenbelt, H., Samarang.
Schutt, H. W., Samarang.
Tan, H. T. H., Macassar.

NORWAY.

Frykholm, N. E., A/S., Kirkegt. 20, Christiania.
Isebarn, Hans (of Troye & Isebarn), Bergen.
Meyer's (Rolf) Maskinforretning, Toldbodg. 2, Drammen.
Morgan & Dorum, Trondhjem.
Morgan & Son, Trondhjem.
Morgan, F., Trondhjem.
Morgan F., & Son, Trondhjem.
Troye & Isebarn, Bergen.
Troye, Johan Rudolf (of Troye & Isebarn), Bergen.

SPAIN.

Antones, Roman Lalaux (see Lalaux Antones, Roman).
Aymerich Seallarés; Luis, Santa Teresa 9, Barcelona.
Bosch, José, Alicante.
Brian (or Bryan), Oscar (see Wolters, Gerardo).
Cahn, Roberto, Cardoner 48 (Torre), Barriada de la Salud, Barcelona.
Davila, Hijos de Jimenez (see Jiminez Davila, Hijos de).
"Gaceta del Norte, La," Calle Henao 8, Bilbao.
Gil, Sociedad Anonima, Calle Viladomat 83, Barcelona.
Jiminez Davila, Hijos de, Puerto de Santa Maria, near Cadiz.
Jimenez Mateos, José, Puerto de Santa Maria, near Cadiz.
Lalaux Antones, Roman, Corcega 235 and 237, Barcelona.
Liberia Universal de Pablo Schneider, Rambla de Cataluna 54, Barcelona.
Mateos Hermanos, Puerto de Santa Maria, near Cadiz.
Mateos, José Jimenez (see Jiminez Mateos, José).
Maurer y Cia, Calle Escudillers 62, Barcelona.
Schneider, Pablo, Rambla de Cataluna 54, Barcelona.
Seallarés (see Aymerich Seallarés, Luis).
Tipografia Germania, Santa Teresa 9, Barcelona.

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Additions to List—*continued.*

Varo, Francisco, Alicante.
Wolf (or Wolff), Max (or Maximo), Plaza Tetuan 23, Valencia.
Wolters, Gerardo (late Oscar Brian or Bryan), Rambla Santa Monica 2, Barcelona.

SWEDEN.

Arvidson, Helge, Garvareg. 3, & Wahrendorffsgatan 4, Stockholm.
Frykholm, N. E., A/B., Centralpalatset & Strandvägen 19, Stockholm.
Knisslinge Skofabriks A/B. (trading as Knisslingewerkken), Vanas.
Transatlantiska Handelskompaniet, Kungsg. 53, Stockholm.

VENEZUELA.

Legorburu, Genaro Diaz, Puerto Cabello.

Removals from List.

ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY.

Caro Brothers, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Carrasco, Ricardo, Calle 25 de Mayo 130, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Feller, Otto, & Company, Calle Uruguay 891, Montevideo, Uruguay.
Gunther, Felix, Calle 25 de Mayo 130-140, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

CHILE.

Constancia, Compania Salitres, Iquique.
Contreras, Pablo, Calle Esmeraldas 85, Valparaiso.
Soria, Isidoro, Santiago.

COLOMBIA.

Volkmann, Gustav, Bucaramanga.

ECUADOR.

Murillo, José, Guayaquil.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Janssen Van Rooij, H. J. C., Batavia.

PERSIA.

Agha Muhammad Yusuf Khabbez Beglaroff, Kazvin.
Haim, Ezra, Hamadan.

SPAIN.

Coca, Joaquin Garcia, Calle Principe 1, Madrid.

VENEZUELA.

Bozo, Audio, & Company, Maracaibo.

Variations in List.

Corrections in the names and alterations in and additions to addresses of the persons or firms whose names have been already published on the respective dates shown in the margin are made as under:—

ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY.

25th May, 1917. Kropf & Company, Calle Alsina 365, Buenos Aires, Argentina; & Garibaldi 34, Asuncion, Paraguay.

BRAZIL.

8th December, 1916. Andrade (Ernesto) & Pinto, Praça Deodoro da Fonseca 25; Rua Martins 4, & P.O. Box 46, Bahia.
19th January, 1917. Fabrica Metallurgica Allema (Fabrica Metallurgica de Sao Paulo), Rua Dutra Rodrigues 31, Sao Paulo.

CHILE.

8th June, 1917. Botica Del Indio (see Doggenweiler & Company).
25th May, 1917. Doggenweiler & Company (Botica del Indio), Casilla 650 and Ahumada 2 Santiago; & Concepcion.

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STATUTORY LIST OF FIRMS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH WHOM TRADING IS PROHIBITED—*continued.*

Variations in List—*continued.*

27th April, 1917. Doggenweiler, Fernando (of Doggenweiler & Company) and (of Doggenweiler Hermanos y Cia).

27th April, 1917. Doggenweiler Hermanos y Cia, San Donoso 74 é Calle Condell, Valparaiso; Calle A. Prat 166 and Ahumada 99, Santiago.

8th June, 1917. Limiñana, Pascual (of Doggenweiler & Company) and (of Doggenweiler Hermanos y Cia).

GREECE.

8th August, 1916. Hamparzum, Aram (Aram Hampartchoumian), Santa Roza Street 1B, Athens.

NETHERLANDS.

11th May, 1917. Kruppsche Spedition und Rhederi Comptoir Für (Fried Krupp, A. G.), Leuvehaven 34B, Rotterdam.

25th May, 1917. Schmitt, F., Vasteland 12, Rotterdam.

8th June, 1917. "Sinigar" Thee Plantage Maatschappy, Binnenrotte 30, Rotterdam. (No connection with Cultuur Maatschappy Sinagar).

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

18th May, 1916. Elten, E. F. Van, Medan & Belawan.

16th March, 1917. Import Maatschappy, de, Sourabaya. (No connection with Import Maatschappy, Batavia.)

NOTE (1).—All persons or firms resident, carrying on business or being in the United Kingdom are prohibited from having with any person or firm mentioned in this List, or in any List issued under the Trading with the Enemy (Statutory List) Proclamation, 1916, No. 3, any dealings other than such as are expressly authorised by Paragraph 5 of the Proclamation. A List (The Consolidating List No. 29a), consolidating all previous Lists, revised to date and including the amendments in the Schedule annexed hereto, is issued concurrently with this Order. This Consolidation List contains all the names which up to this date are included in the Statutory List.

Additions to and variations in these Lists will be published at intervals approximately of two weeks.

The Lists are published in the "London Gazette" and in the "Board of Trade Journal," and separate copies of all Lists may be obtained at a small cost from the Superintendent of Publications, His Majesty s Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, W.C. 2.

NOTE (2).—Where a person or firm mentioned in the List has more than one address in the country or group of countries under which the name of the person or firm appears, all dealings in that country, or in any country in the group, with such person or firm are prohibited, even in cases where one only of the addresses or one only of the countries is specifically mentioned.

NOTE (3).—Trading is prohibited under the Trading with the Enemy Proclamations of 25th June and 10th November, 1915, with any person or firm of enemy nationality resident or carrying on business in China, Siam, Persia, Morocco, Liberia or Portuguese East Africa. Persons or firms in the United Kingdom are therefore prohibited from trading with any person or firm of enemy nationality in any of those countries, even though such person or firm is not mentioned by name in the Statutory List.

NOTE (4).—In order to minimise as far as possible any inconvenience which may be caused to British traders by the dislocation of export trade owing to the inclusion in the Statutory List of a former connection, the Foreign Trade Department is collecting and classifying the names of non-enemy firms who may be able to act as substitutes for firms mentioned in

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the Statutory List. A considerable amount of information is already available at the Foreign Trade Department, and it is in many cases possible to suggest the names of satisfactory substitutes without the necessity of referring the matter abroad. The Department is, however, prepared on application to inquire of His Majesty's Representatives abroad for the names of suitable substitutes. When the applicant wishes this done by telegraph he is required to undertake to pay the cost of telegraphic correspondence. It would greatly facilitate the work of the Foreign Trade Department if applicants in making inquiries would specify the particular trade or trades for which substitutes are required.

NOTE (5).—The Statutory List for each country is telegraphed, on the day of issue, to His Majesty's Representative in that country, who is instructed to notify accordingly British Consular Officers, to whom persons abroad should apply for information as to names on the List. Persons and firms in the United Kingdom with agencies or branches abroad would, however, be well advised to furnish such agencies or branches with issues of the List as they appear. The Lists for all countries in Central or South America are also telegraphed to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, who transmits them to H.M. Consul-General at New York and to other centres in the United States likely to be interested.

APPROVED CONSIGNEES IN CHINA.

The "London Gazette" of 26th June publishes additions to and amendments in the list of approved consignees in China, published as a Supplement to the "London Gazette" of 18th May.

The revised list of approved consignees in China may be consulted by British firms at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. Applications for further information in regard to firms on this list should be addressed to the Controller, Foreign Trade Department, Lancaster House, St. James', S.W. 1.

[N.B.—The white list of approved consignees in China applies also to firms in Harbin (even though goods are entered as consigned to Harbin, Russia), but does not apply to firms in the British Colony of Hong Kong, or to firms in Wei-hai-wei, Macao, Tsingtau, Dalny (Dairen), or the Japanese Leased Territory in Kwantung.]

EXPORT OF COTTON PIECE GOODS AND MANUFACTURES TO SWEDEN.

Adverting to the notice which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th June (p. 529), the Director of the War Trade Department notifies that the Cotton Export Committee are prepared to receive, for consideration, applications for licences to export cotton piece goods and manufactures to Sweden in any cases in which the order was booked on or before 31st October, 1916. In other respects the applications must comply with the conditions set forth in the previous notice. (D.C.I. 31,647.)

EXPORTS OF SILK GOODS.

With reference to the notice immediately following, of amendments in and additions to the list of articles which are prohibited to be exported from the United Kingdom to certain or all destinations, the Director of the War Trade Department desires to call the attention of exporters to the fact that in connection with the prohibition on exports of silk and silk manufactures, the word "nets" in the new list B should be interpreted to mean "hair nets" only.

The Director also wishes to point out that the prohibition on exports of silk and silk manufactures should be read as meaning, *inter aliâ*, that made-up articles of silk for men's wear are at present on list B, and that all other made-up articles of silk are not within the new silk prohibition.

(D.C.I. 31,334.)

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PROHIBITED EXPORTS.

Amendments in and Additions to List.

An Order-of-Council, dated 22nd June, 1917, orders that the Schedule to the Proclamation, dated 10th May, 1917 (see pp. 360–75 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17th May, 1917), prohibiting the exportation from the United Kingdom of certain articles to certain or all destinations,* should be amended, as follows:—

(1) That the following headings should be deleted:—

(C) Asphalt;
(C) Asphalt, coal tar;
(C) Bitumen, liquid or solid;
(B) Boots and shoes, materials and tools used in the manufacture of, the following:—
Boot and shoe grindery, including clog nails;
Chemicals, etc., the following—
(B) Paraffin, liquid medicinal;
Ferro alloys, the following—
(B) Ferro-manganese;
(A) Ferro-tungsten;
(B) Firearms, unrifled, and their component parts;
(C) Glue, osseine and concentrated size, fish glue, isinglass, finings and other kinds of gelatine;
(A) Hacksaw blades;
(C) Iridium and its alloys;
(A) Ivory, vegetable;
(B) Lubricants and articles and mixtures containing lubricants;
(B) Mica, mica splittings, mica powder, micanite, and articles made from, and insulating materials containing, them;
(B) Mineral jellies;
(A) Molasses;
(B) Motor spirit (except benzol);
(B) Oil fuel, except oil fuel allowed by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to be shipped for use on board the exporting ship;
(B) Oil fuel, shale;
Oils, vegetable, the following, and articles and mixtures containing such oils—
(B) All other vegetable oils except essential oils;
(C) Osmium and its alloys;
(C) Palladium and its alloys;
(B) Paraffin oil;
(A) Pepper;
(B) Petroleum, fuel oil;
(B) Petroleum, lighting oil;
(B) Petroleum, gas oil;
(B) Petroleum spirit and articles containing petroleum spirit;
(C) Petroleum and its products not otherwise specifically prohibited;
Provisions and victuals which may be used as food for man, the following—
(C) Yeast and articles, mixtures, and preparations containing yeast;
(C) Rhodium and its alloys;

* The prohibition of exports is as follows:—
Goods marked (A), to all destinations;
Goods marked (B), to all ports and destinations abroad other than ports and destinations in British Possessions and Protectorates;
Goods marked (C), to all destinations in foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France and French Possessions, Russia, Italy and Italian Possessions, Spain and Portugal, and to all ports in any such foreign countries, and to all Russian Baltic ports.

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PROHIBITED EXPORTS—*continued.*

Headings to be Deleted—continued.

(C) Ruthenium and its alloys;
Silk and silk manufactures, the following—
(B) Tissues and fabrics of silk of all kinds (including artificial silk), whether pure or mixed with other yarns or materials (except metal threads) in the grey or discharged, undyed, dyed or printed, unweighted or weighted; not including velvets, plushes, nets, laces, gauzes, tulles, muslins, grenadines, voiles, crepes, crepe-de-chine and similar diaphanous fabrics, and also not including piece goods of less than 12 inches in width (except braids), trimmings, hosiery, and all made-up articles;
(A) Tallow;
(A) Tools, small, the following—
Hacksaws;
(B) Turpentine substitute, and articles containing turpentine substitute;
(B) Varnishes containing shellac, oil, turpentine or turpentine substitute;
Wool and wool manufactures, the following—
(A) Woollen and worsted cloth, khaki, and mixtures thereof.

(2) That the following headings should be added:—

(B) Asphalt;
(B) Asphalt, coal tar;
(B) Bitumen, liquid or solid;
(A) Bobbins and their component parts;
(B) Boots and shoes, materials and tools used in the manufacture of, the following:—
Boots and shoe grindery, including clog nails but not including hob nails;
Chemicals, etc., the following:—
(C) Adrenaline;
(C) Alypin;
(C) Aloe juice;
(C) Amylene;
(C) Anchusa;
(C) Anchusin;
(C) Apiol;
(C) Chlorides, metallic and metalloidic, not otherwise prohibited;
(B) Citrates;
(C) Digitaline;
(C) Ergotine;
(C) Eryngo;
(C) Eserine;
(C) Exalgin;
(C) Hydrastis canadensis;
(A) Hydrocyanic (prussic) acid and solutions thereof;
(A) Lactates, not otherwise prohibited;
(A) Lactic acid;
(C) Liquorice roots and juice;
(C) Lithium compounds;
(C) Lycopodium;
(A) Manna;
(A) Mannite;
(A) Paraffin, liquid medicinal;
(C) Pepsin;
(C) Peptone;
(C) Pilocarpine;
(A) Potassium carbonate, and mixtures containing potassium carbonate;

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PROHIBITED EXPORTS—*continued.*

Headings to be Added—continued.

Chemicals, etc., the following—*continued.*
(C) Saffron;
(B) Sodium peroxide;
(C) Sulphocyanides, not otherwise prohibited;
(C) Sulphoricinates;
(C) Tannalbin;
(C) Tannigen;
(C) Vaccines;
(C) Valerianates, not otherwise prohibited;
(C) Valerianic acid;
Ferro alloys, the following:—
(A) Ferro-manganese;
(A) Firearms, unrifled, and their component parts;
Forage and food which may be used for animals, the following:—
(B) Fenugreek seed;
(B) Glue, osseine and concentrated size, fish-glue, isinglass, finings and other kinds of gelatine;
(B) Gum tragacanth;
(A) Hobnails;
(C) Insecticides, not otherwise prohibited;
(C) Iridium and its alloys, and manufactures containing iridium;
(A) Ivory, vegetable, and manufactures thereof;
(C) Lithium;
(A) Lubricants, mineral, and articles and mixtures containing mineral lubricants;
(B) Lubricants not otherwise specifically prohibited, and articles and mixtures containing such lubricants;
(A) Mica block and mica splittings;
(B) Mica sheets, mica waste, mica powder, micanite, and articles made from and insulating materials containing mica in any form;
(A) Mineral jellies;
(A) Molasses, and articles, mixtures, and preparations containing molasses;
(A) Motor spirit;
(A) Oil fuel, except oil fuel allowed by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to be shipped for use on board the exporting ship;
(A) Oil fuel, shale;
Oils, vegetable, the following and articles and mixtures containing such oils—
(A) Linseed;
(B) All other vegetable oils, not otherwise prohibited;
(C) Osmium and its alloys, and manufactures containing osmium;
(C) Palladium and its alloys, and manufactures containing palladium;
(A) Paraffin oil;
(B) Pepper;
(A) Petroleum fuel oil;
(A) Petroleum gas oil;
(A) Petroleum lighting oil;
(A) Petroleum spirit, and articles containing petroleum spirit;
(A) Petroleum and its products not otherwise specifically prohibited, and mixtures thereof;
Provisions and victuals which may be used as food for man, the following—
(A) Banana meal and banana flour preparations containing banana meal and banana flour;
(A) Levulose;
(A) Milk sugar (lactose);
(A) Yeast, and articles, mixtures, and preparations containing yeast.

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PROHIBITED EXPORTS—*continued.*

Headings to be Added—continued.

(C) Rhodium and its alloys, and manufactures containing rhodium;
(C) Ruthenium and its alloys, and manufactures containing ruthenium;
(A) Shuttles and their component parts;
(C) Silicon;
Silk and silk manufactures, the following—
(B) Tissues and fabrics of silk of all kinds (including artificial silk) whether pure or mixed with other yarns or material, in the grey, or discharged, undyed, dyed, or printed, unweighted or weighted; with the exception of velvets, plushes, nets,* laces, mourning crepe, trimmings, braids, ribbons not exceeding 6 inches in width, furnishing fabrics (embroidered or brocaded), fabrics containing any kind of metal thread, and all made-up articles with the exception of articles for men's wear*;
(A) Tallow and articles, mixtures, and preparations containing tallow;
(C) Tar, oil, not otherwise specifically prohibited;
(A) Tools, small, the following—
Hacksaws and their component parts;
(A) Tungsten alloys;
(A) Turpentine substitute, and articles containing turpentine substitute;
(C) Vanillin;
(B) Varnishes containing shellac, oil or turpentine not otherwise prohibited;
Wool and wool manufactures, the following—
(A) Khaki cloth made from wool, or from mixtures of wool with other materials;

[*Note.*—Copies of the complete list of goods, the export of which from the United Kingdom to certain or all destinations is prohibited by the Royal Proclamation of 10*th May*, 1917, may be obtained gratis on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. This list is exclusive of the amendments now made by the foregoing Order-of-Council.]

RESTRICTIONS ON DEALINGS IN HIDES.

The Army Council have made an Order, dated 17th April, requiring all persons engaged in the purchase or sale of British ox, heifer, cow and bull hides to comply with the following Regulations until further notice:—

1. No hides shall be bought by or on behalf of any tanner or delivered to any tanner or to any person on his behalf without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, or at prices other than those set out in the schedule hereto annexed or at such other prices as in any particular case may be allowed by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts.

2. All persons concerned shall furnish such particulars as to their purchases or sales of and dealings in such hides as may be required by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts.

3. All persons to whom any permit may be issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts are required to comply strictly with any conditions that may be imposed by the said permit. It shall be the duty of all tanners to communicate to any person buying on their behalf the conditions of any licence granted to such tanner and for the time being in force, and it shall be the duty of all parties to any of the transactions herein referred to to require or disclose as the case may be all such information as may be required by such parties as aforesaid or by the Director of Army Contracts for the purpose of satisfying them or him that the provisions of this Order have not been contravened.

* See interpretation on p. 688.

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RESTRICTIONS ON DEALINGS IN HIDES—*continued.*

SCHEDULE.

	Runts, Herefords, and Highlands. Per lb.	Ox and Heifer. Per lb.	Cow. Per lb.	Bull. Per lb.
Firsts	10¾d.	10d.	8¾d.	8d.
Seconds	10¼d.	9½d.	8¼d.	7½d.

"Casualty," "Fallen," or "Chance" hides, of whatever description, 8d. per lb.

These prices are the maxima to be paid by tanners for hides dehorned and properly trimmed according to the usual market custom.

DEALINGS IN WORSTED AND HOSIERY LAPS AND WASTE.

The Secretary of the War Office notifies, under date 26th June, that an order has been made by the Army Council, under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, with regard to dealings in worsted and hosiery laps and waste. After 31st July sales to manufacturers will only be permitted under permits issued by the Director of Army Contracts and at prices which have been fixed. Stockholders and others will be required to furnish all necessary particulars, and it is further provided that contracts entered into before 1st April may be performed by delivery up to 31st December next, whilst contracts entered into between 1st April and 31st July can only be performed up to 31st July next.

It is observed that free sales of waste are permitted by worsted manufacturers, spinners and dealers, whilst sale to and purchase by manufacturers is regulated. Manufacturers will only be permitted to buy from certain dealers approved by the Director of Army Contracts.

The prices fixed in the official Schedule are for the best quality in each case; inferior qualities will be sold at proportionate rates.

Charges have been fixed to cover the remuneration of dealers for services performed in connection with collecting, sorting, blending, financing, willeying, etc., and the amount of these charges deducted from the maximum selling prices will enable the dealer to ascertain the prices at which waste should be bought.

Application for permits should be addressed to the Waste Distribution Officer, Manor Row, Bradford, where standard types will be kept for inspection.

RETURNS AS TO ROAD STONE MATERIALS.

The Army Council have made an Order, under date 25th June, requiring all quarry owners, managers, or other persons engaged upon the quarrying or output of road stone materials to furnish to the Secretary of the Road Stone Control Committee, at 35, Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 7, not later than the 10th day of July, 1917, full particulars with regard to their businesses as follows:—

(1) The output each month of road materials, including quarried stone (not flint or gravel), slag, and tarred materials, during the year ended 31st March, 1914.

(2) Particulars of labour employed producing the above output during the year ended 31st March, 1914.

(3) The output each month of road materials, including quarried stone (not flint or gravel), slag, and tarred materials, for the period 1st January, 1917, to 31st May, 1917.

(4) Particulars of labour employed producing the output for the period 1st January, 1917, to 31st May, 1917.

(5) Any other information which may be specially called for, under the authority of the Army Council, regarding any particular quarry or slag dump.

Forms on which this information should be furnished can be obtained by the persons concerned from the Secretary, Road Stone Control Committee, 35, Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 7.

This Order applies throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

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REVISED MAXIMUM PRICES FOR CASTOR OIL AND PALM OIL.

The Minister of Munitions has made an Order, dated 19th June, amending, so far as regards the maximum prices fixed for dealings in castor oil and palm oil, the Orders made by him on 1st May (see notice on pp. 226-7 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3rd May), and 9th May (see pp. 344-5 of the "Journal" of 17th May), regulating dealings in seeds, nuts, kernels, oils, and fats.

On and from 20th June the maximum prices specified in the Schedule to this new Order for purchases and sales of and dealings in castor oil and palm oil are substituted for those specified in the Schedule to the Order of the 9th May, 1917, for purchases and sales of and dealings in such oils, and the Orders of 1st and 9th May are to have effect in all respects as if the prices specified in the Schedule to this new Order had originally been specified in the Schedule to the Order of 9th May as the maximum prices for purchases and sales of and dealings in castor oil and palm oil.

SCHEDULE.

	Per ton. £	s.	d.
Castor oil (pharmaceutical)	88	0	0
Castor oil (ordinary)	80	0	0
Palm oil (bleached)	50	0	0
Palm oil (unbleached)	44	0	0

The above prices are for oil net naked *ex* ship, mill or warehouse in the United Kingdom.

Packages may be charged extra at current market rates but not exceeding £4 per ton on the oil, or (in the case of castor oil sold for any special purpose in special packages) such higher sum per ton (if any) as may from time to time be authorised to be charged by the Controller of Oils and Fats.

STEAM-DRIVEN HIGHWAY LORRIES AND TRAILERS.

Returns Required.

The Minister of Munitions has issued an Order, dated 26th June, 1917, ordering that all persons (other than railway companies) owning or having in their possession or under their control any steam-driven highway lorries or trailers in Great Britain shall, within 14 days from the above date, send in to the Deputy Director-General of Railway Material Licences, Ministry of Munitions, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1, returns containing the particulars with regard to such steam lorries and trailers in the form set out in the tabular statement below, and to make such further return concerning any such steam lorries and trailers as may hereafter be required by the Deputy Director-General of Railway Material Licences.

Tabular Statement of Return of Steam Lorries, Trailers, etc.

(*a*) Registered letters and numbers.
(*b*) Owner's name and full address.
(*c*) Maker of the lorry.
(*d*) Date on which they were built.
(*e*) Working pressure of boiler in pounds per square inch.
(*f*) Whether steam boiler is fired with coal, coke, or oil fuel.
(*g*) Name of insurance company for the boiler.
(*h*) Net carrying capacity of lorry in tons.
Net carrying capacity of trailer in tons.
(*i*) Weight of lorry unloaded.
Weight of trailer unloaded.
(*j*) Is the lorry a normal or of a special type?
(*k*) General condition of the lorry and mechanism.
(*l*) Work (if any) on which the lorry and/or trailer is usually employed.

Date..... Signed..... .....
Address..... .....

Note.—No separate official form is being issued for the purposes of the above return.

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RESTRICTIONS ON DEALINGS IN MACHINE TOOLS.

General Permit Withdrawn.

With reference to the Order made by the Minister of Munitions on the 28th August, 1916, applying Regulation 30A of the Defence of the Realm Regulations to war material consisting of machine tools and machinery driven by power and suitable for use in cutting, stamping, or working metal, and to the general permit for purchasing or entering into negotiations for the purchase of the said war material, issued by the Minister of Munitions on 28th August, 1916, it is notified that that the Minister of Munitions has given notice, under date 26th June—

(1) That he, as from the date of this notice, withdraws the said general permit, except in so far as the same relates to the insurance of the said war material; and

(2) That all applications for a permit to purchase or enter into negotiations for the purchase of the said war material referred to in the abovementioned Order should be made to the Executive Officers of the Area Clearing House Boards, whose addresses may be obtained upon application to "The Director, Central Clearing House, Ministry of Munitions, Charing Cross Buildings, W.C. 2."

[*Note.*—The text of the Order referred to appeared on pp. 760-1 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th September, 1916].

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916.

Enemy Business to be Wound up.

An Order has been made by the Board of Trade requiring the undermentioned business to be wound up:—

467. W. P. Theermann and Co., Limited, 283, Oxford Road, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, Electrical Engineers. *Controller:* William Eaves, 15, Fountain Street, Manchester. 16th June, 1917.
468. George William Kiderlen, 4 and 6, Moor Lane, London, E.C. 2, Manufacturers' Agent. *Controller:* Geoffrey Bostock, 21, Ironmonger Lane, London, E.C. 2. 22nd June, 1917.
469. John Cornelius Bell, 33, Orchard Street, Oxford Street, London, W. 1, American Dentist. *Controller:* Sidney John Field, 17, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W. 1. 22nd June, 1917.
470. Paul Kuhne, 10, Marshall Street, Golden Square, London, W. 1, Restaurant Keeper. *Controller:* The Hon. Walter John Harry Boyle, 132, York Road, Westminster Bridge, London, S.E. 1. 22nd June, 1917.
471. Vixol Limited, Tandem Works, Merton Abbey, London, S.W. 19, Manufacturers of a Preparation for the cure of Asthma. *Controller:* B. D. Holroyd, 6, Great Winchester Street, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 2. 22nd June, 1917.
472. Fortuna Machine Company, Limited, Deacon Street, Leicester, Manufacturers of Machinery and Machine Tools. *Controller:* Charles J. Pain, 18, Low Pavement, Nottingham. 22nd June, 1917.

[A list of the names of firms which have been ordered by the Board of Trade to be wound up (complete to 25th January) was issued as a Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st February.]

CONTROL OF STOCKS OF TOBACCO.

The Board of Trade have appointed Mr. Charles Duncan, M.P., to be a member of the Board of Tobacco Control, and Mr. Henry Frank and Mr. John Pearson to be members of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Tobacco Control.

[*Note.*—The appointment of the Tobacco Control Board, and of the Advisory Committee to the Board, was announced on p. 527 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th June.]

Government Notices affecting Trade.

UNDERTAKINGS OF CARRIERS ON CANALS.

The following is the text of an Order, dated 22nd June, made by the Board of Trade under Regulation 9 H. (6) of the Defence of the Realm Regulations relating to undertakings of carriers on canals:—

"Whereas the Board of Trade are of opinion that for securing the public safety and the defence of the Realm it is expedient that Regulation 9 H. of the Defence of the Realm Regulations should be applied to the undertakings of carriers by canal where such carriers are unable to carry on their undertakings efficiently.

"Now, therefore, the Board of Trade in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sub-section (6) of that Regulation, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby order as follows:—

"Regulation 9 H. shall apply to the undertaking of any carrier by canal who makes an application to the Board for the purpose, and satisfies the Board that the undertaking cannot be efficiently carried on unless possession thereof is taken by the Board of Trade."

[*Note.*—The text of Regulation 9 H appeared on pp. 551-2 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd February, 1917.]

GREECE (FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS) ORDER, 1917.

The Treasury have made the following Order, dated 19th June, under Regulation 41C of the Defence of the Realm Regulations:—

Whereas by Regulation 41C of the Defence of the Realm Regulations it is provided as follows—

(1) Regulation 41B shall apply to any country which is for the time being under blockade on the part of the Allies in the same manner as it applies to an enemy country, and to any persons who would be enemies if the country so under blockade were an enemy country in the same manner as it applies to enemies, and if the Treasury by order so direct, shall continue to apply after the blockade is raised, until the Order is revoked, to such an extent and subject to such provisions as may be specified in the Order;

And whereas the coasts of Greece, including the islands of Euboea and St. Maura from a point situated in latitude 39° 20′ North, longitude 20° 20′ East of Greenwich, to a point situated in latitude 39° 50′ North, longitude 22° 50′ East of Greenwich, and the other islands under the control or in the occupation of the authorities at Athens were recently under blockade on the part of the Allies.

And whereas that blockade has been raised, and it is expedient that the said Regulation 41B shall continue to apply to Greece to the extent hereinafter specified.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of their powers under the said Regulation 41C and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the Treasury hereby order as follows:—

Until this Order is revoked Regulation 41B shall continue to apply and shall be deemed as from the date of the raising of the said blockade to have continued to apply to Greece to such an extent as is required to prevent the withdrawal, except under the authority of the Minister of Blockade, of any Greek funds or securities in the United Kingdom which the Minister directs are not to be withdrawn without that authority.

This Order may be cited as the Greece (Financial Restrictions) Order, 1917.

Notice by the Minister of Blockade.

In accordance with the above Order, the Minister of Blockade has given notice, under date 20th June, that the following restrictions will apply and will remain in force until further notice notwithstanding the raising of the Blockade:—

"In respect of accounts kept in the United Kingdom on behalf of offices in Athens or The Piræus of banking institutions, no payment shall be made, without the authority of the Controller of the Finance Section

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GREECE (FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS) ORDER, 1917—*continued.*

of the Ministry of Blockade, out of any such account which would reduce the balance on such account to an amount smaller than seventy-five per cent. of the amount of the balance as on 2nd June, 1917.

"No overdraft or loan, or increase in existing overdraft or loan, may be granted on any such account, without the authority of the Controller of the Finance Section of the Ministry of Blockade."

[**Blockade of Greek coast raised.**—With reference to the notice on p. 812 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 14th December last relative to the blockade of a section of the Greek Coast and certain Greek islands, it is notified that the "Journal Officiel" (Paris) of 19th June publishes an announcement to the effect that the above-mentioned blockade has been declared raised as from 16th June (new style).]

POST OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Postmaster-General has issued the following announcements:—

Parcel Post to Greece.

Postal parcels can again be accepted for any place in Greece, but delivery is confined to the Post Offices at certain places, of which a list may be seen at any Post Office.

Resumption of Weekly Mail Service to Egypt, etc.

Beginning next week, the weekly mail service to Egypt, India, Ceylon and the Far East will be resumed.

Loss of Mails and Parcels for British India, etc.

The letter mails for India, the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States, and beyond, and also for Australasia, which were despatched from London on 31st May last have been lost at sea, as also have been the parcel mails for the same destinations which were despatched on 23rd May.

Loss of Parcels from Sweden.

A mail containing parcels for the United Kingdom posted in Sweden between the beginning of February and 14th April has been lost at sea through enemy action. No letter mails were lost on the occasion in question.

No compensation is given by the Post Office for losses due to enemy action, and if more definite information is required the sender should apply to the office of posting.

PROHIBITION OF SALE OF AGRICULTURAL HORSES.

Issue of Licences.

With reference to the notice on p. 637 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st June, relative to a new Defence of the Realm Regulation (2T) prohibiting the sale of farm horses, it is notified that an Order, entitled the "Sale of Horses Order, 1917," has been made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, delegating the power to issue licences to (*a*) in the case of an agricultural holding wholly or partly in an administrative county—the Agricultural Executive Committee; (*b*) in the case of an agricultural holding wholly in London—the Clerk of the London County Council; (*c*) in the case of an agricultural holding wholly in Birmingham—the Agricultural Executive Committee; and (*d*) in the case of an agricultural holding wholly in any other county borough—the Clerk of the Borough Council.

Any farmer desiring to sell or part with any horse to which this Regulation applies should apply for the necessary licence to the Agricultural Executive Committee for the county, or other authority named.

TRADE CONDITIONS ABROAD.

CANADA (Ontario).—The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Toronto (Mr. F. W. Field) reports, under date 30th May, that general business conditions in Ontario were good during that month, but inclined to be a little less active than during the earlier months of this year.

The wholesale houses, generally, report satisfactory business in all staple lines for summer trade. Autumn and winter orders have not yet been sought to any great extent, but early prospects for the trade of these seasons are considered good. Owing to war conditions many wholesale firms are finding difficulties in obtaining supplies.

Retail trade is generally good, and buying is comparatively heavy as compared with the spring of 1915 and 1916.

There is a good demand for small motor cars, especially for business purposes. These are being purchased by farmers, tradesmen and others, and are used also by commercial travellers and for retail deliveries, while there is also a fair demand for such cars for pleasure purposes.

Financial conditions throughout the Province are healthy. Bank deposits continue to increase and life insurance companies report exceptionally substantial business.

Mails to and from the United Kingdom are irregular; letters take from two to four weeks in transmission, and deliveries of goods are also irregular. While for some time war conditions in the United Kingdom created an advantage for American manufacturers and traders in regard to the Canadian market, but little of that advantage now remains, as war conditions in the United States are making it difficult for Canadian jobbers, wholesale firms and others to obtain supplies from that country. (D.C.I. 29,797.)

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BOLIVIA (Oruro).—The British Vice-Consul at Oruro (Mr. W. Gray) reports, under date 27th April, that, in spite of the exceptional circumstances prevailing, business in the Oruro district during the year 1916 was not seriously affected by the war, and that, on the whole, internal conditions both as regards imports and foodstuffs are, if anything, on a better footing than at one time seemed possible.

Exports of tin, copper and silver ores, and particularly of antimony and wolfram ores, all showed increases in values as compared with 1915, and this enabled mine owners to work their properties to advantage. The greater part of the exports of antimony went to the United Kingdom, while wolfram was generally directed to the United States. At the time of writing, however, owing to lower quotations on European markets, exports of antimony had fallen off considerably, and the production of wolfram had been much less than during the early months of 1916, a great many of the mines having closed down through inability to produce at a price to enable them to sell at a profit.

The soft goods trade, which, before the war, was practically in German hands, has now been taken up by a British firm, and Mr. Gray suggests that United Kingdom manufacturers interested might, with advantage, get into touch with this firm.*

Other openings for British trade are for supplies of hardware and electrical fittings, and also for accessories for mining concerns, but United Kingdom firms have not been able to take advantage of these openings, owing no doubt to restrictions on exports and pressure of other work.

American firms have captured the market for cheap motor cars, from eighty to ninety at least having been imported during 1916. It is said of a well-known make of American car that, by its flexibility, it is better suited to the bad roads existing in Bolivia than heavier built cars.

The railway from Oruro to Cochabamba is to be officially opened on 4th July. (D.C.I. 28,983.)

* United Kingdom manufacturers of soft goods may obtain the name and address of the firm referred to on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the reference number (241) should be quoted.

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Trade Conditions Abroad.

RUSSIA (Siberia).—According to a Report by the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner at Omsk, Siberia, published in a recent issue of the "Weekly Bulletin" of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, one of the chief characteristics of trade in Siberia is the desire on the part of merchants and others to see and examine goods before placing orders. Hence the importance of doing business in this market by means of samples. Prior to the war the travellers of German firms thoroughly canvassed the Siberian market with samples of the goods they had to offer. A firm which establishes a warehouse at some central point or points in Siberia and endeavours to sell from stock has a great advantage over other houses which have not taken similar steps. Not only can orders be executed without delay, but buyers will also be reassured as to the quality of the goods which they are to receive. In this way it is possible to conform to the characteristics of Siberian trade mentioned above. An excellent opening is presented for a group of manufacturers of complementary lines to establish a branch office or offices in Siberia, keeping on hand a stock of their products sufficient to meet current demands.

DAMAGE TO MERCHANDISE IN TRANSIT THROUGH SCANDINAVIA TO RUSSIA.

Complaints having been received at the Department of Commercial Intelligence from exporters regarding damage to merchandise forwarded by the Transito route (*viâ* Norway and Sweden) to Russia, the attention of the Foreign Office was drawn to the matter and enquiries were instituted.

H.M. Minister at Stockholm now reports that the Aktiebolaget Transito, whose attention was called to the complaint, point out that considering the innumerable handlings to which the goods are subjected, the risk of detention for prolonged periods, and possible subjection to atmospheric influences, they have always advised that *traffic of a damageable character should be packed in strong wooden cases lined with waterproof paper.* But notwithstanding similar warnings from the shipping companies concerned, it is found that exporters continue to use the same packages which they used for simple voyages in former times, with the result complained of.

The desirability of providing effective packing for such traffic is strongly emphasised; in the meantime, the Aktiebolaget Transito has issued a circular on the subject to the forwarding agents concerned abroad. (D.C.I. 30,786.)

UNITED KINGDOM TRADE WITH CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

Visit of H.M. Trade Commissioner.

In accordance with the practice that has been established for H.M. Trade Commissioners in the British Self-Governing Dominions to visit the United Kingdom officially from time to time, so that manufacturers and merchants may have the opportunity of consulting them on any matters connected with their business, or of obtaining information as to the possibilities of extending their trade, H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland (Mr. C. Hamilton Wickes) is now in this country, and has already interviewed a number of firms at the Offices of the Department of Commercial Intelligence of the Board of Trade, and at the Chambers of Commerce in Bristol, Cardiff, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Stoke, Manchester, Liverpool, Dublin, Belfast. Londonderry, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Chesterfield, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Coventry and Birmingham.

Mr. Hamilton Wickes will continue in attendance at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce up to the end of next week, at which place his tour will end.

AUSTRALIAN INCOME TAX ACT, 1915.

Important Ruling regarding Taxation of British Agents.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 955 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 28th December, 1916, regarding the Australian Income Tax Act, 1915, H.M. Trade Commissioner in Australia (Mr. G. T. Milne) notifies that he has received from the Acting Commissioner of Taxation in the Commonwealth the following statement in regard to the effect of the repeal of Section 15 of the Act:—

"Section 15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1915, which dealt with the taxation of absentee principals through their Australian selling agents on 5 per cent. of the sales made, has been repealed as for the year ended 30th June, 1916, and subsequent years. There are, however, many absentee traders who, notwithstanding the repeal of Section 15, are still taxable under the Federal Law. If an absentee maintains a branch business in Australia which carries a stock, the principal is taxable on the profits from that business. Where there is not a branch office but only a selling agent, in Australia, three questions are considered in determining whether the profits are liable to Federal tax, viz.:—

"1. Whether the contract of sale is made in Australia
2. Whether delivery of the goods is made in Australia
3. Whether payment is made in Australia.

"The contract of sale is made (*i.e.*, completed) where it is accepted. If it is accepted by the Australian agent the contract is made in Australia. The place of delivery can be decided by ascertaining where the goods were when the property in them passed to the purchaser. If they are shipped from the country of export at purchaser's risk, then delivery is made in the foreign country; if at the vendor's risk, delivery is made in Australia. Where any two of the three operations take place in the Commonwealth, a trade is exercised in Australia, and the profits therefrom are taxable. Agents should in all cases satisfy themselves as to their responsibility, if any, by communicating with the Taxation Department, Melbourne."

In forwarding this ruling Mr. Milne states that, while it may be comparatively easy to determine whether or not a contract of sale is made in Australia, he thinks it probable that the questions of delivery and payment are likely to give rise to a good deal of difficulty. When Section 15 of the Act was repealed, it was probably not appreciated generally that the Commissioner of Taxation still had power to tax oversea principals through their agents in Australia.

The decision of the Taxation Department upon which the above opinion of the Income Tax Commissioner rests has been embodied in Order No. 351, the text of which is as follows:—

Income Tax.

Absentees selling goods in Australia.

Residents selling goods beyond Australia.

With regard to the general question whether an absentee is carrying on a a trade or business in Australia, the Commonwealth practice will follow, to some extent, decisions given in the English Courts respecting the liability to British Income Tax of foreigners whose goods are sold in the United Kingdom.

In Grainger *v.* Gouch, Lord Davey said—

"The foreign merchant exercises his trade where he makes his sales, "and the profits come home to him,"

and Lord Watson said—

"No merchant exercises a trade beyond the limits of his own "country so long as all contracts and deliveries are made within these "limits." "The question of whether money is paid in England or "not is not necessary to be decided in this case." (Lord Esher in "Werle *v.* Colquhoun.) "If it is, it is a strong circumstance, but it is "not necessary to this fact, that a trade is carried on in England."

The three points to be decided are—

(*a*) Place of contract, *i.e.*, location of the person who *accepts* the contract.

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(*b*) Place of delivery, *i.e.*, location of the goods when the seller lost all right to the goods. If they are shipped at the purchaser's risk, the seller loses his right when the goods are placed on board ship.

(*c*) Place of payment, *i.e.*, whether made to the agent in the country of delivery or to the principal abroad.

It is not necessary, according to the judgments given, that all the three conditions mentioned should arise in Australia before a trade or business can be said to be carried on here.

Where an absentee maintains a branch office in Australia and sells goods from stock kept in Australia, there is no doubt as to the liability to tax on the profits of the business so carried on.

Where the contract of sale is made in Australia and the goods are delivered in Australia, a trade or business is being carried on here by the principals.

When a foreign merchant is held to carry on a trade in the Commonwealth the whole of the profits which accrue on the articles sold therein are assessable in Australia.

In arriving at the profit, the foreign principals should debit the Australian Branch office or agency with "purchases" in the Australian Trading Account at the manufactured cost.

Such taxpayers should be questioned as to the basis of valuation of "Purchases" from their Head Offices.

As regards absentees whose agents merely take orders and have nothing to do with delivery of or payment for the goods there will be no tax assessable.

If the actual profit of such businesses is only obtainable by reference to the principal, a default assessment on the basis of 5 per cent. of sales may be made subject to adjustment upon production of details showing actual profit. Where details cannot be supplied, the Department must be prepared to consider an assessment on the most equitable lines possible.

With respect to persons in Australia making sales of goods to persons outside Australia, to which Section 23 is not applicable, queries as follows should be made, *if exemption is claimed on the profits from the sales in question:*—

(*a*) Do the agents abroad accept orders on their own authority or refer them to the Australian office for acceptance?

(*b*) Are the goods shipped f.o.b. Australia at the purchaser's risk?

(*c*) Where is payment received?

If either contract or delivery together with payment is made in Australia or contract and delivery are made here, a trade is exercised in Australia, and the profits should be taxed in full as Australian. (D.C.I. 29,660.)

NEW MONETARY LAW IN THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

Date fixed for the Exchange of Silver Coins.

With reference to the notice on p. 27 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 5th April, relative to a new monetary Law in Colombia, it is notified that the "Diario Oficial" (Bogotá) of 28th March publishes a Decree (No. 565) fixing 1st May, 1917, as the date on which the exchange of national silver coined before 1911, and foreign silver coins at present in circulation throughout the Republic, was to begin. From that date up to 30th April, 1918, the Conversion Board, by means of its Exchange Office in Bogotá (and such other exchange offices as the Government may deem it necessary to establish in the Department of Nariño and the Intendency of Chocó) will effect the exchange of the coins mentioned at the rate of 100 pesos Colombian or English gold, or any other Colombian coins which are legal tender, for 200 pesos silver.

The Decree also commissions the Conversion Board to coin in the Mint at Bogotá nickel coins to the value of 1,200,000 pesos in accordance with the terms of Decree No. 58 (see p. 167 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th April). As soon as the first batch of these is received by the Conversion Board the exchange of nickel coins issued in 1904 and later will be commenced.

CLAIMS AGAINST ENEMIES IN THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS "GERMAN EAST AFRICA."

The "Official Gazette of the East Africa Protectorate," dated 4th April, publishes a General Notice (No. 256) to the effect that claims from British subjects and British protected persons not resident in the Protectorate, who have until recently carried on business or have been interned in the Territory known as "German East Africa," against enemy aliens resident or formerly resident in that Territory, or against the German Government of the Territory, should be presented in writing to the Controller of Enemy Property, Tanga.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Industrial Research in the United States of America.

The Advisory Council to the Committee of the Privy Council which was appointed on 28th July, 1915, to direct the application of any sums of money provided by Parliament for the organisation and development of scientific and industrial research, has issued a Memorandum on Industrial Research in the United States of America.

This publication is the first of a series of pamphlets which, as announced in the Committee's first Report (see pp. 107–9 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 12th October, 1916), it is intended to issue with the object of convincing British manufacturers that scientific research is a paying proposition. In the United States of America, in certain industries, there has been an earlier realisation than in the United Kingdom of the considerable part which the systematic application of science has played in the rapid progress of German trade. Large American undertakings during the last twenty years have set up research laboratories in increasing numbers, and the object of the Memorandum is to show British manufacturers something of the progress that the United States has made, and to give some indication of the competition that awaits them in the future.

The Memorandum has been prepared for publication in the series by Mr. A. P. M. Fleming, M.I.E.E., by the courtesy of the Directors of the British Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, as a result of a visit to the United States which he made last year, and which he was allowed to extend for the purposes of this report. The writer states that the purpose of the Memorandum is twofold. It is intended primarily to furnish a record of some observations relating to industrial research as conducted in the United States. To this end descriptions are given of the laboratories in various works, and in educational, State, and private institutions, with a statement of the endowment funds available, and a discussion of legislative and other influences tending towards the nationalisation of research, and of the methods of selecting and training scientific investigators, and co-ordinating their activities and results. The experience so related suggests naturally the consideration of the United Kingdom's position in similar matters, and to the account of what is being done in the United States a discussion in very general terms is subjoined, outlining some fundamental considerations which indicate the increasing necessity for research in this country, and offering some suggestions regarding the development of such work, and the relation which any comprehensive national scheme should bear to British industries and to research institutions in the Overseas Dominions. The war has disclosed in British industry an enormous latent capacity for adaptability to entirely new lines of manufacture, many of which have depended for their development upon scientific research, but research facilities are, as yet, disproportionate to the need, and there is an urgent call for the establishment of an organisation which shall maintain the creative impulse given by the war. In the light of his study of American developments Mr. Fleming suggests that the most important alternative schemes for the United Kingdom are:

(*a*) Research laboratories in industrial works.
(*b*) Research laboratories for a group of works in the same industry.
(*c*) The centralisation of research in the Universities or Colleges.
(*d*) An Imperial centralised laboratory for the whole industry.

Copies of the Memorandum may be obtained through any bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office (see addresses on cover of the "Board of Trade Journal"), price 1s. each, post free 1s. 3d. (D.C.I. 31,038.)

REPORT* ON RESOURCES AND PRODUCTION OF IRON AND OTHER METALLIFEROUS ORES.

Prepared for the Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.*

In order to meet what has apparently been a want both to those actually engaged in the iron and steel industry as well as to those who are interested in obtaining knowledge of the mineral resources on which the industry mainly depends, the Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has thought it desirable that a Report* should be compiled summarising the latest information available regarding the iron ore resources of the United Kingdom as well as those of other countries. Although a vast amount of information has been published from time to time, it exists mostly in the form of reports and monographs scattered throughout the Proceedings of Technical and Scientific Societies and in the very valuable publications of the Geological Surveys and Mines Departments of this country and of the principal Dominions of the British Empire, also in those of other countries, particularly the United States. Consequently much time and labour has to be spent in searching for literature on the subject.

The aim of the writer of this Report, Mr. G. C. Lloyd of the Iron and Steel Institute, has therefore been to collect and present in a summarised form the main facts concerning the resources of iron ores and of other metalliferous ores accessory to the metallurgy of iron and steel, and to indicate their composition and character, giving as many analyses as possible of the minerals in every locality, with indications as to their geographical position and accessibility.

The Report is divided into three main parts, of which Part I. deals with the iron ores of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions. The ores of the United Kingdom are described in approximately the following order:—Red hematites, brown hematites and magnetites (Cumberland, Lancashire, Cornwall and Devonshire, Forest of Dean); carbonate ores or ironstone (Cleveland, Northampton, Rutland, Leicester); the calcareous ores of the lower and middle lias (Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, Somerset); ironstone of the coal measures (Scotland, Northumberland, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Shropshire, South Wales); the aluminous iron ores of Antrim, and the various smaller deposits of hematite and limonite in Ireland. A brief note is also given on the siliceous ores lately opened out in Kent.

The resources of the British Dominions are then referred to, the principal deposits at present known being those of Newfoundland, Canada, India and Australia.

Part II. gives information of the same kind and as far as available with regard to most of the other countries of Europe, Africa, Asia and North and South America.

In Part III. notes are given of the principal uses, occurrence and composition of the ores of metals other than iron but used in the iron industry—namely, chromite, cobalt, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, titanium, tungsten, vanadium and zirconium, including references to the composition of ferro-alloys manufactured from some of these ores.

It is understood, of course, that for the purposes of the Report no new investigations of any special kind have been undertaken, but the most recent reports on the mineral deposits of the various countries have been briefly reviewed and, for the benefit of those who wish to make further search regarding them, references to the original sources of information have been given in every case.

* To be purchased through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, price 2s. net, post free 2s. 2d.

CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY IN UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

The "Uganda Official Gazette" of 31st March publishes a Government Notice (No. 108 of 1917) to the effect that the Governor of the Protectorate has appointed Mr. A. B. Howes to be Custodian of Enemy Property in the Uganda Protectorate.

RE-INSURANCE BUSINESS IN FRANCE AND ALGERIA.

With reference to the notice on p. 476 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 31st May, and to previous notices, relative to a Law providing for the supervision by the French Government of re-insurance business effected in France and Algeria, it is notified that the "Journal Officiel" (Paris) of 12th June publishes Decrees, dated 11th June, amending the list of foreign underwriters with whom the transaction of insurance and re-insurance referred to in the above-mentioned Law may *not* be effected, by the addition thereto and the removal therefrom of certain names as set forth in the Decrees.

The above-mentioned issue of the "Journal Officiel" may be consulted by British firms interested at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.

CROP CONDITIONS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have received the following information from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome:—

The conditions of growing cereals on 1st June is described as good in Italy, average in India and Egypt, moderate in France, the Netherlands and Switzerland, and bad in Japan.

The table below gives the areas under the following crops in 1917, with the increase or decrease as compared with 1916:—

Crop.	Country.	Area.	Increase + or decrease — as compared with 1916.
		Acres.	
Wheat ...	Italy	10,626,000	— 9·0 per cent.
" ...	Canada	13,450,000	+ 4·4 "
" ...	India	33,041,000	+ 9·6 "
" ...	Tunis	1,310,000	— 11·7 "
Barley ...	France	1,475,000	— 5·3 "
" ...	Italy	544,000	— 8·7 "
" ...	Canada	1,955,000	+ 18·3 "
" ...	United States ...	8,379,000	+ 9·3 "
" ...	Tunis...	1,038,000	— 15·8 "
Oats... ...	France	6,437,000	— 17·4 "
"	Italy	1,137,000	+ 30·1 "
"	Canada	11,782,000	+ 19·8 "
"	United States ...	43,163,000	+ 3·9 "

The following table shows the forecasts of the crops to be harvested this year, with the increase or decrease as compared with 1916:—

Crop.	Country.	Estimated Crop in 1917.	Increase + or decrease — as compared with 1916.
		Cwts.	
Wheat ..	France	86,611,000	— 24·7 per cent.
Winter wheat	United States ..	199,827,000	— 22·6 "
Spring wheat	" ...	151,610,000	+ 79·0 "
Wheat ...	India	203,201,000	+ 19·3 "
" ...	Japan	14,214,000	— 6·3 "
Rye	United States ...	28,950,000	+ 22·2 "
Barley ...	" ..	91,713,000	+ 18·3 "
Oats... ...	" ...	414,260,000	+ 10·3 "

PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

RUSSIA.

Government Proposals to Regulate the Export of Bristles after the War.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the official "Trade Gazette" of Petrograd of the 7th/20th May, organ of the Ministries of Finance and Commerce, announces that the Minister of Commerce, with a view to creating for the Russian export trade in bristles an independent position, and to dispense with needless intermediation, chiefly Leipzig, has submitted the following proposals to the Provisional Government:—

(*a*) To declare Petrograd the chief market for the export of bristles from Russia;

(*b*) To impose, on drawing up the new Customs Tariff, an export duty on *raw* bristles, this duty to be enforced after the war;

(*c*) To authorise the Petrograd Bourse to form a special Bristles Section, on the condition that the right of entry, as original members, should be limited exclusively to persons who, prior to the 1st/14th January, 1917, owned establishments for the dressing of bristles, and that the first original members should be chosen for a period of three months, further members being elected by ballot on the recommendation of two actual members. The export of *dressed* bristles shall, it is proposed, be allowed only by means of export licences, issued by this Bristles Section, on the formation of the same, this procedure to continue in force for at least three years from the date of the signature of the Treaty of Peace.

The Provisional Government has confirmed the proposals of the Minister of Commerce; and presumably a Decree to give effect to the proposals will be issued in due course. (C. 10,462.)

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DOMINION OF CANADA.

Appraisers' Bulletin as to Importation of Well-drilling Machinery.

The Board of Trade have received copy of Appraisers' Bulletin No. 1511, dated 21st May, 1917, which has been issued by the Canadian Department of Customs in connection with the importation into the Dominion of well-drilling machinery. The Bulletin states that such machinery and apparatus for drilling for water, natural gas and oil, in general, are held to be of a class or kind manufactured in Canada, and, as such, are not entitled to free entry under tariff item 469, with the exceptions noted below:—

The following well-drilling machinery and apparatus believed to be of a class or kind not manufactured in Canada may be entered under the above-mentioned tariff item until further notice, viz.:—

Well-drilling machinery operated on the "Rotary Flush System," the "Jetting Flush System" or the "Hydraulic System," and in which the chisel-shaped drill is not used, not to include motive power.

Case-hardened and forged steel nipples for recutting threads on casing or in casing coupling when lost in the well.

Well packers; swivel wrench (Barrett's); oil well jacks (Barrett's) not including wrenches for tightening and loosening joints.

Apparatus of greater weight or diameter than stated below:—

Drilling bits	1,100 lb.
Under reamers	1,060 „
Drilling jars	725 „
Fishing jars	650 „
Swedges	740 „

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Casing spears for 12-in. diameter casing, and casing cutter for 6-in. diameter casing.

Ring and wedges (sometimes called spider and slips) for 6½-in. diameter casing.

Elevators for raising and lowering casing for 5-in. diameter casing.

(C. 10,534.)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

"Customs Tariff Validation Act, 1917": Minister's ruling as to effect.

Adverting to the notice which appeared on pp. 498-9 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 31st May, relative to the "Customs Tariff Validation Act, 1917," the Board of Trade have received from H.M. Trade Commissioner in the Commonwealth copy of replies which have been given by the Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs to questions addressed to him by the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce in connection with the above-mentioned Act.

It is stated in the replies that the effect of the passing of this Act is to continue the position previously existing, that is, to entitle the Department of Trade and Customs to collect import duties according to the schedule introduced by resolution of the Commonwealth House of Representatives in December, 1914, except where those duties are lower than the duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1908-11. In the latter case, the collections of import duties will continue to be made at the 1908-11 rates. (C. 10,657.)

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Importation Restricted of certain Fruit Trees and Cuttings.

The "New Zealand Gazette" of the 26th April contains copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th April, 1917, respecting the importation of pear, apple or quince trees. The Order in Council prohibits the introduction into New Zealand of pear, apple or quince trees, or of cuttings, buds, or any other portion of any such trees (except the fruit)—

1. From any country or place in North America or Japan; and

2. From any other country or place, unless every shipment of such pear, apple or quince trees, or cuttings, buds, or other portions thereof (except the fruit) is accompanied, in addition to the certificates already required by Regulations issued under the Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908, by a certificate in the form prescribed in the present Order, signed by an officer of the Department of Agriculture or other Department performing the functions or duties relating to horticulture in the country or place where such articles were grown, certifying that pear blight or fire-blight of the pear does not exist in the said country. (C. 10,533.)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Prohibited Importation of Motor Cars to include parts and accessories.

Adverting to the notice which appeared on p. 596 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 14th June, stating that the importation of motor cars into the Colony of the Straits Settlements has been prohibited, the Board of Trade have received from the Colonial Office copy of a further telegram which has been received from the Governor in connection with this prohibition. The telegram states that the prohibition of the importation of motor cars includes component parts and accessories, but the latter are not interpreted as including tyres. Licences are being granted for all cars already shipped by 16th May, and for cars shipped in normal numbers before 31st July, provided payment or confirmed credit was made before 16th May. The importation of motor lorries and such like vehicles is not prohibited. (C. 10,717.)

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RUSSIA.

Prohibition of Import of Articles of Luxury: Exclusions from List.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the official "Trade Gazette" of Petrograd of the 13th/26th May announces that the Ministry of Commerce, in concurrence with the Ministry of Finance, has found it possible to authorise the importation into Russia of the following articles, hitherto included among the articles of luxury the importation of which is prohibited:—

(1) Safety razors "Gillette," gilt or silvered;
(2) Glasses with metal rims, and rings, gilt or silvered, for watches;
(3) Parts of artificial teeth, viz., gilt brass springs and pins;
(4) Shoe laces of cotton;
(5) Biscuits brought by passengers from Finland. (C. 10,633.)

Licences for the Exportation of Dressed Bristles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the same channel, of information to the effect that the official "Messenger of Finance" of Petrograd of the 23rd April/6th May publishes a Customs Department Circular dated 12th/25th April giving notice that at present the Department is granting licences for the export of bristles from Russia. The Circular points out that such licences are issued for *dressed*, not raw, bristles. (C. 10,462.)

NORWAY.

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Christiania to the effect that the exportation of the undermentioned articles from Norway has been prohibited, viz., balata and gutta-percha: raw, and partly manufactured products of; also all kinds of scrap of these materials; coal tar oil; iron shoe eyelets. (C. 10,739.)

SWEDEN.

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Stockholm to the effect that the exportation of the following articles from Sweden has been prohibited as from the 15th June:—

Accumulator cells or batteries, wholly or partly mounted; also electrodes soldered together;
Bags (with or without fittings), portfolios, pocketbooks, purses, cases, boxes, sheaths, belts, bandoliers, trunks, portmanteaux, hat boxes and similar travelling requisites, fitted or not—all these consisting of leather or skin, even if combined with other materials;
Cap-peaks;
Zinc chloride.

The exportation from Sweden of *steam locomotives of from fifteen to thirty effective horse power* has been prohibited as from the 25th June. (C. 10,656.)

Exportation of certain Dogs Permitted.

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the same channel, of translation of a recent Swedish Order notifying that dogs, with the exception of the race of German sheepdog, suitable and employed for sanitary purposes, may be exempted from the prohibition imposed on the export of live animals from Sweden. (C. 10,716.)

NETHERLANDS.

Prohibition of Exportation of Vinegar and Acetic Acid.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at The Hague to the effect that the exportation of *vinegar* and *acetic acid* from the Netherlands has been prohibited as from the 22nd June.

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FRANCE (New Caledonia).

Imposition of an Export Duty on certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copies of three French Presidential Decrees, dated the 9th June, in virtue of which an export duty at the rate of 5 per cent. *ad valorem* is to be levied on raw hides and skins, green or dried, copra, and mother-of-pearl exported from New Caledonia and its Dependencies. The values which are to serve as the basis each quarter for the assessment of the tax are the official values assigned to the products for the preceding quarter by the Valuation Commission. The export duty is to remain in force until the 31st December, 1919. (C. 10,732.)

ITALY.

Duty-free Admission of Materials and Equipment for Wooden Ships.

See notice on p. 712.

MOROCCO.

Prohibition of Exportation and Re-Exportation of Foreign Goods from the French Zone to France and Algeria.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that an Order of the General Commanding in Chief, dated the 27th May, was published in the "Bulletin Officiel" of the 28th May prohibiting the exportation or re-exportation of all goods of *foreign* origin from the French Zone in Morocco to France or Algeria. Only goods the Moorish origin of which is proved by a certificate of origin or manufacture may be shipped to France or Algeria under the conditions laid down in the Order of the 18th October, 1915 (*see* the notice at pages 705–6 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 9th December, 1915). (C. 10,590.)

TUNIS.

Imposition of Export Duty on Lead and Lead Ore.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a Beylical Decree, dated the 16th May, which provides that lead and lead ores exported from Tunis to foreign countries are to be subjected to payment of an export duty at the rate of 2 per cent. of the value of the metal or the ore free on board at the port of shipment from Tunis. (C. 10,673.)

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the same channel, of copy of a Beylical Decree, dated the 29th May, and published in the "Journal Officiel Tunisien" for the 6th June, which prohibits the exportation and re-exportation of the undermentioned articles from Tunis: vulcanised fibres; machines for milling and for grinding; and chucks and punches (*mandrins*) of all kinds.

[*Note.*—The exportation of the above-mentioned articles from *France* was prohibited by a Decree of the 12th May.] (C. 10,746.)

VENEZUELA.

Duty-free Admission of Apparatus for Working Oil Deposits.

See notice on p. 682.

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BRITISH CARGO STEAMSHIP SERVICES.

The Department of Commercial Intelligence is prepared, on application, to furnish available information regarding British cargo steamship services trading between the United Kingdom and all ports of the world. Applicants for information are requested to state their requirements clearly, particularly indicating the ports or districts between which cargo is to be carried.

BRITISH FORWARDING AGENCIES.

Information regarding British forwarding agencies from the United Kingdom to all parts of the world may also be obtained on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence. Firms requiring information are requested to give full details, especially in regard to the ports or districts between which goods are to be carried.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE BRITISH PRIZE COURTS OVERSEA.

Ceylon.

The "London Gazette" of 22nd June notifies that proceedings are in progress before the Prize Court at Colombo in respect of six cases of silk *ex* the vessel "Polynésien." Appearance should be entered by all persons claiming an interest as soon as possible.

Malta.

The "London Gazette" of 26th June notifies that proceedings are in progress before the Prize Court at Malta in respect of one case of cottons, seven cases of soap, and 432 bundles of black sheets *ex* the vessel "Jesmore." Appearance should be entered by all persons claiming an interest as soon as possible.

CARGOES OF GERMAN VESSELS IN BRAZILIAN PORTS.

H.M. Minister at Rio de Janeiro reports that for the purpose of obtaining the release of cargoes on board the German vessels which originally took shelter in Brazilian ports, the owners of such cargoes should forward the documents in support of their claims thereto to their representatives in Brazil, for presentation to the Inspector of Brazilian Customs. The documents must be authenticated by a Brazilian Consular Officer. It is added that cargo which may be cleared in transit for other countries is subject to payment of freight and transit dues.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Notice respecting Special Precautions when Vessels are in Danger Zones.

The Marine Department of the Board of Trade (7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1) has issued a Notice (Handbill No. 388) to shipowners and masters respecting the special precautions which should be taken when a vessel is in a submarine area or danger zone. This Notice is a new edition, with important alterations and additions, of two Notices previously issued by the Board (Handbills Nos. 365 and 374), which are now cancelled. The present Notice, which is issued after consultation with the Ministry of Shipping, applies to all sea-going British merchant ships, whether chartered or requisitioned by H.M. Government or not.

Copies of this Handbill may be obtained on application to the Marine Department, as above.

Examination of Marine Engineers.

The Marine Department has also issued a Circular (No. 1,584), being instructions to examiners and a notice to candidates respecting Board of Trade examinations of engineers for the mercantile marine.

Copies of the Circular may be obtained, price 1d. each (post free 1½d.), from H.M. Stationery Office (see addresses on cover of the "Journal").

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Announcements under the following headings appear in the section of the "Journal" devoted to "Government Notices affecting Trade":—

Steam-driven Highway Lorries and Trailers—Returns required.
Blockade of Greek Coast Raised.
Undertakings of Carriers on Canals.

An announcement appears on p. 699, under the heading—

Damage to Merchandise in Transit to Russia.

AUSTRALIA.

Progress of Trans-Continental Railway.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in Australia (Mr. G. T. Milne) has forwarded, under date 17th April, extracts from the Melbourne press to the effect that completion of the Commonwealth Trans-Continental railway scheme, which was inaugurated in April, 1913, had been delayed owing to non-delivery of rails and delay in the execution of other contracts. Of the total length of the railway between Port Augusta (South Australia) and Kalgoorlie (Western Australia)—1,051 miles—about 946 miles of track have been completed, leaving 105 miles of track still to be laid. It is hoped that the first through train on the completed line will be run about the end of August next. By that time between 300 and 400 miles only of track will have been ballasted; but, despite this, it is proposed to make the journey between Kalgoorlie and Port Augusta in 35 hours, or at an average speed of 30 miles per hour. When ballasting is completed, in about two years' time, it will be possible to accelerate the service, and ultimately to make the journey at an average speed of 40 miles per hour, thus reducing the time taken to about 26 hours.

A prominent railway official has stated that it is proposed at first to run two trains a week from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta, and a similar number from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie. (D.C.I. 29,520.)

[*Note.*—The March issue of the "Commonwealth Engineer" (Melbourne) contains an extract from a Report by the Engineer-in-Chief of the Trans-Continental Railway, dealing with the progress of the scheme. This publication may be consulted by British firms interested at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.

NEW ZEALAND.

Harbour Development at New Plymouth.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in New Zealand (Mr. R. W. Dalton) has forwarded an extract from the local press in which it is stated that the work on Moturoa Harbour, New Plymouth, which has been proceeding for a considerable time, is now completed, and that many of the largest vessels trading with New Zealand may now be accommodated there. The first ocean liner was berthed in the harbour on 21st March.

It is hoped that all the meat as well as the dairy produce from the whole of Taranaki will be exported direct from New Plymouth, instead of being transhipped at Wellington to the same vessels that will now call at New Plymouth.

The Harbour Board proposes to continue the work of extending and improving the harbour, which, at lowest tides, has 25 ft. in the fairway, and berthage and a swinging basin 33 ft. deep. (D.C.I. 27,127.)

SWEDEN.

Legislation for the Prevention of Tonnage passing into the hands of Foreigners.

With reference to the notice on p. 134 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 19th April, relative to a series of Laws and Decrees which were passed in 1916, having for their object the prevention of Swedish tonnage passing into the hands of foreigners, H.M. Minister at Stockholm reports that the said Laws and Decrees, which expired on 31st March, 1917, have been renewed and amended by the undermentioned series of Laws and Decrees, dated 28th March, 1917, which

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came into force on 1st April, 1917, and will continue in force until 30th April, 1918.

The provisions of the Laws and Decrees promulgated in 1916 have been retained in substance in the new Laws and Decrees, but important changes have been made in the Law and Decree of 6th March, 1916, prohibiting the transfer or time-chartering (for more than 6 months) of Swedish vessels to foreigners. As was anticipated, the provisions of the latter have been extended so as to prohibit the acquisition by foreigners of shares in Swedish ship-owning companies. The most important of the new regulations in this respect are as follows:—

1. Swedish vessels (or interest therein) may not be transferred to Swedish companies whose shares may be issued to bearer, or to other Swedish companies whose shares are held as to more than one-third by aliens.

2. Shares in ship-owning companies may not be subscribed to by, or transferred to, aliens or Swedish companies referred to under (1) above.

The above regulations do not prevent aliens from transferring interest in a ship, or shares in a ship-owning company, already held at the time when the Decree came into force (1st April, 1917), or from transferring rights of charter vested in them at that date.

3. Charters which violate the above regulations are void. Delivery after 1st April, 1917 (when the present Law and corresponding Decree came into force), of a Swedish vessel to an alien—(*a*) In contravention of the provision of the Decree of 6th March, 1916 (No. 48), under the terms of a charter concluded after 8th January, 1916, but *before* the Decree came into force (7th March, 1916); and (*b*) In contravention of the Decree of 8th July, 1916, relating to prohibition in certain cases against agreement whereby an alien obtains the right to use a Swedish vessel under such an agreement concluded after 8th January, 1916, but *before* the Decree came into force (19th July, 1916), exposes the offender to the penalties imposed under Article 3 of Law (No. 103).

On the other hand, all charters concluded *before the 8th January, 1916, are valid.*

With regard to the Decree of 25th July, 1916 (No. 328), the principal exemptions allowed from the prohibition against the conveyance of goods on Swedish vessels to foreign ports are briefly as follows:—(*a*) Vessels sailing on regular routes between Sweden and foreign ports may call at intermediate foreign ports for the purpose of loading or discharging cargo, subject to the regulations of the State Trade Commission; and (*b*) vessels, not running on regular routes, which are chartered from a foreign port to a Swedish port may, on their voyage from Sweden to the foreign port, carry cargo between two foreign ports *en route.*

H.M. Minister has forwarded copies and translations of the renewed and amended Laws and Decrees, and also of the Royal Decree of 25th July, 1916 (No. 328), and these may be *consulted* by British firms interested at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. (D.C.I. 18,047.)

REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

Resolution affecting Mariners of Belligerent Nationality.

The "Diario Oficial" (Bogotá) of 14th April publishes a Resolution by the Colombian Minister of Public Works to the effect that, so long as the war lasts, no foreigner belonging to a belligerent nation will be able to obtain a licence to act as captain or to be a member of the crew of vessels navigating in Colombian waters. Only Colombian citizens or subjects of a neutral State will be granted such licences.

The prohibition above referred to also applies to captains and crews of "belligerent" nationality who are at present serving on vessels sailing in Colombian waters.

BOLOVIA.

Opening of Railway from Oruro to Cochabamba.

See notice on p. 698.

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NEW ZEALAND.

Discovery of Scheelite in South Island.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in New Zealand (Mr. R. W. Dalton) has forwarded an extract from the local press in which it is stated that an important find of scheelite has been made in the Barewood district. A Dunedin syndicate has secured an option and opened up the reef. Experienced miners are said to be of opinion that this is the richest and most important discovery of scheelite yet made in New Zealand. (D.C.I. 27,127.)

ITALY.

State Encouragement of Shipbuilding.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" (Rome) of 21st May publishes a Decree, dated 6th May, designed to facilitate the construction and equipment of Italian vessels. The substance of the Decree is as follows:—

Article 1 provides that wooden ships of over 100 tons in weight and built within the last fifteen years, whether provided or not with auxiliary motors, which are acquired from abroad for the national mercantile marine within a period of two years from the date of the Decree, are to be entitled during the first three years of their service to the exemptions from fiscal dues and war taxation already accorded to cargo vessels by Article 1 of the Decree of 10th August, 1916 (see p. 810 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 14th September). During the same period these vessels also will be exempt from any new taxation imposed. The exemptions will, however, only be granted provided the ships are put into use before 30th June, 1918.

By Article 2 provision is made for the importation free of all customs duties of the necessary materials for the building and equipment of such ships in course of construction in the national dockyards at the date of publication of the present Decree. By Article 3 similar exemption from customs duties will be granted during the period of the war in respect of materials, motors, boilers, and auxiliary apparatus imported for wooden vessels put into construction in the national dockyards after the publication of the present Decree. Under certain conditions, ships not yet completed will also be entitled to the exemption from internal taxation accorded by Article 1.

For the construction in the State of motor and auxiliary apparatus, the bounties provided for by the Law of 13th July, 1911 (see p. 589 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st September, 1911), remain in force, but with certain modifications in the amounts which are shown in the Decree.

Vessels with metal hulls and apparatus for their construction are granted the same privileges as those accorded to cargo vessels by the Decree of 10th August.

Vessels of not less than 1,000 tons in weight which, after the date of the present Decree, are fitted with mechanical motors capable of supplying a speed of five miles per hour, are to enjoy the above-mentioned exemptions from fiscal dues, and motors may also be imported free of import duty.

Articles 6 and 8 of the Decree of 10th August, 1916, regarding freedom from Government requisition and the ownership of vessels are to apply to the ships dealt with in the present Decree.

The above-mentioned issue of the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" containing the text of the Decree may be consulted by British firms interested at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.

(D.C.I. 27,166.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Tin Smelting and Refining at Perth Amboy (N.J.): New Contract Placed for Bolivian Tin Concentrates.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 900 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st September, 1916, and to previous notices, relative to tin smelting and refining works at Perth Amboy (N.J.), H.M. Consul at Antofagasta, Chile (Mr. H. W. W. Bird) writes, under date 2nd May, to the effect that the American company operating the Perth Amboy works has

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entered into a new contract with a Chilean company, with valuable tin interests in Bolivia, for the supply of 750 tons, monthly, of tin concentrates, averaging about 60-65 per cent. ley. The sellers are to make all arrangements for the transport of the concentrates. (D.C.I. 29,614.)

Output of Steel Rails in 1916.

According to a statistical bulletin, issued by the American Iron and Steel Institute and quoted in the "Iron Age" (New York) of 26th April, the production of steel rails in the United States in 1916 amounted to 2,854,518 tons, as compared with 2,204,203 tons in 1915, and 3,502,780 tons in 1913. Of the 1916 output, 2,269,600 tons were open-hearth steel rails, 440,092 tons were Bessemer steel rails, and 144,826 tons were re-rolled from old steel rails.

VENEZUELA.

Development of Oil Deposits. See notice on p. 682.

BOLIVIA.

Experimental Electrolytic Smelting of Tin Ores.

H.M. Consul at Antofagasta, Chile (Mr. H. W. W. Bird), reports, under date 2nd May, that experiments on a small scale in the electrolytic smelting of all classes of tin ore have been made in Bolivia. The tin extracted is stated to have been of high quality, but, owing to the prohibitive cost of production, the experiments did not indicate the possibility of commercial production. In spite of this, however, those interested in the matter will probably continue experimenting from time to time.

[A notice relative to a proposed tin smelting monopoly in Bolivia appeared on p. 342 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3rd February, 1916.]

(D.C.I. 29,614.)

TEXTILES AND TEXTILE MATERIALS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Cotton Statistics.

The number of bales of cotton **imported** into the United Kingdom during the week ended 21st June, 1917, was 27,903, and the number imported during the twenty-five weeks ended 21st June, 1917, was 1,455,024 (including 1,879 bales British West Indian, 4,131 bales British West African, 14,144 bales British East African, and 2,205 bales foreign East African). The number of bales **exported** during the week ended 21st June, 1917, was 1,118, and during the twenty-five weeks 160,742.

For further details see p. 720.

BRITISH INDIA.

Output of Ginned Cotton in 1916–17.

The Department of Commercial Intelligence is informed by the Director of Statistics with the Government of India that the total output of ginned cotton from the cotton crop of British India (including Native States) for the season 1916–17 is estimated at 4,273,000 bales (of 400 lb. each), as compared with 3,738,000 bales in 1915–16. (D.C.I. 29,678.)

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RUSSIA.

Estimated Raw Cotton Production in Central Asia in 1916.

The "Vyestnik Finansov" (Petrograd) of 30th April/13th May publishes the following figures showing the total estimated production of raw cotton in Central Asia in 1916, the figures for 1915 being given for purposes of comparison:—

—	1915.	1916.
	Pouds.	Pouds.
Ferghana ...	10,170,332	7,588,748
Syr-Daria ...	1,797,311	1,291,506
Samarkand ...	2,039.987	1,123,015
Trans-Caspia	1,732,013	1,007,277
Khiva ...	1,740,406	828,463
Bukhara ...	2,717,617	2,740,637
	20,197,666	14,579,646
Persia ...	85,423	85,423*
Afghanistan	189,801	189,801*
Kashgar ...	45,573	45,573*
Total ...	20,518,463	14,900,443

* It would appear that 1915 figures have been repeated in the absence of definite information for 1916.

1,000 pouds = 16 tons (about).

AGRICULTURAL & FOREST PRODUCTS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Corn Prices.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 23rd June, 1917, were as follows:—

Wheat ...	78s.	1d.
Barley ...	75s.	0d.
Oats ...	55s.	2d.

For further particulars see p. 720.

REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

State Encouragement of Meat Export Industry.

H.M. Minister at Bogotá has forwarded, under date 3rd May, a copy of a memorandum prepared by a local business man regarding the establishment of packing houses in Colombia.

The memorandum summarises the privileges conferred on persons establishing packing houses in Colombia under Laws passed by the Colombian Government for the encouragement of the export of refrigerated and preserved meat from the Republic (see notice on p. 442 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th November), and also indicates the procedure to be followed in order to obtain these privileges, and deals with the construction of moles for the use of packing houses.

The above-mentioned memorandum (in English), together with copies of the Laws referred to (in Spanish), may be consulted by British firms interested at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. (D.C.I. 29,409.)

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JAPAN.

Rice Cultivation and Milling.

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe, C.M.G.), writing with regard to the cultivation of rice in Japan, states that rice is grown generally throughout the country, practically every farmer making it his main crop if conditions are favourable. About 3,020,000 cho (7,399,000 acres), which is more than one-half the area of cultivated land in Japan, is devoted to the cultivation of rice. The Niigata Prefecture is the largest rice-producing district, with an annual crop of some 2,900,000 koku. According to official figures the rice crop of Japan in 1916 amounted to 58,301,680 koku.

Rice milling is carried on in every village or town of even slight importance. The machinery employed is of a small type, and often of local manufacture. Milling on a large scale is confined to the important centres, the chief mills being found at Tokio and Kobé. (D.C.I. 24,464.)

Koku = 4·96 bushels.

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AUSTRALIA.

Proposed Manufacture of Benzene and Toluene.

The Department of Commercial Intelligence is in receipt of information from the High Commissioner in London for the Commonwealth of Australia to the effect that the Defence Department of the Australian Government proposes to erect plant for the production of benzene and toluene in the Commonwealth. The crude benzol to be treated will be obtained from the various Australian gas companies. (D.C.I. 29,582.)

SOUTH AFRICA.

Regulation of Prices of Foodstuffs and other Necessaries.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in South Africa (Mr. W. G. Wickham) has forwarded, under date 8th May, an extract from the local press, from which it appears that a Proclamation, dated 25th April, has been issued placing all the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Public Welfare and Moratorium Act in operation in every district throughout the Union.

The sub-section in question provides that the Governor-General shall have the following, among other, special powers :—

To regulate the prices which may be charged or demanded by any persons for foodstuffs and other necessaries;

To require any person to declare the amount of his stock of foodstuffs and other necessaries ;

To expropriate the whole or any part of any foodstuffs or other necessaries if, in his opinion, such foodstuffs or necessaries are being unreasonably withheld from the market; and

To take possession, for any period, of any premises suitable for the storage of produce or foodstuffs or other necessaries. (D.C.I. 29,014.)

UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

Trade in 1916.

The following information respecting trade in Uganda in 1916 is taken from the Annual Report of the Committee of the Uganda Chamber of Commerce, a copy of which has been received from the Director of Customs at Entebbe (the Board of Trade Correspondent for Uganda) :—

Imports.—The total value of imports into the Uganda Protectorate during the year 1916 amounted to £654,027, as compared with £458,045 in 1915. The chief classes of goods imported in 1916 were:—Cotton goods, £300,950; provisions, £21,769; soap, £19,507; tobacco, £17,926; machinery, £14,684; and motor cycles and accessories, £21,219.

Miscellaneous.

UGANDA PROTECTORATE—*continued.*

Bazaar trade.—Bazaar trade in 1916 was satisfactory on the whole. During the first seven months of the year goods sold readily at advancing prices, but a shortage of supplies was felt, due to shipping difficulties and congestion of traffic at coast ports and on the railways. Later on, however, this state of affairs was reversed, as the increased prices that had been realised had to some extent encouraged over-trading, and accumulations of goods that had been held up arrived at the same time.

It is expected that with the gradual development of the territory known as "German East Africa," together with the bright prospects for the 1917 cotton season, and improved transport facilities from the coast to Uganda, there will be a better demand for goods. Credit has been well maintained on the reduced basis mentioned in last year's report (see p. 762 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, 1916), with the result that bazaar trade is now on an altogether sounder basis than in pre-war times.

Exports.—The total value of exports from the Uganda Protectorate in 1916 amounted to £481,579 against £418,010 in 1915.

Coffee.—The total value of coffee exported during 1916 was double that of the previous year, the respective figures being £114,804 and £55,350. New plantations came into bearing, and there was an increased yield on the older plantations. New areas are being planted with the Bourbon variety, as it is in greater demand and realises higher prices than the Nyasaland varieties formerly grown.

Rubber.—Exports of rubber increased in value from £3,159 in 1915 to £5,734 in 1916. Most of the Para rubber areas are still young, but it is hoped to increase exports considerably during the next few years.

Hides.—Shipments in 1916 showed a decrease in value when compared with 1915, the respective figures being £48,739, against £64,875. This decrease was principally due to transport difficulties, which kept the market stagnant for several months. Towards the end of the year, however, the market assumed a better tone.

Goat skins.—Exports of these articles declined in value from £18,418 in 1915 to £16,413 in 1916, but directly shipping arrangements become more normal an improvement is looked for, there being a keen demand from America, with good prices.

Cotton.—Exports of ginned cotton in 1916 amounted to 80,564 cwt., valued at £331,436, as compared with 85,232 cwt., valued at £209,230, in 1915. Only 32 cwt. of unginned cotton were exported in 1916, as compared with 8,465 cwt. in the previous year. The area under cotton decreased by 26,651 acres. The quality of the crop was up to the average, and as the cotton was ginned to a greater extent in the producing areas, complaints on the score of stained cotton were much less frequent. There was considerable delay in shipment, but the market was practically cleared by the end of the year.

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GUATEMALA.

Government empowered to Control Food Supplies, etc.

In connection with the recent Declaration by Guatemala breaking off relations with the Central Powers, it is of interest to note the publication of a Decree (No. 960) in the issue of "El Guatemalteco" of 27th April to the effect that should war be declared or guarantees be partially or wholly suspended, all owners, providers or producers of articles of prime necessity are obliged to offer immediately for sale all stocks they may hold, reserving only those necessary for their personal consumption. The prices for these goods will be fixed in an equitable and just manner by the Chief of the Departments and the Mayors, acting in conjunction with the Committee of Consumption.

The Decree defines as articles of prime necessity the following:—Meat, flour, maize, wheat, rice, beans, greases, sugar, salt, coffee (other than for export), roots and tubers, vegetables, fruits, preserves and all other articles of alimentation; also all classes of medicines and drugs.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.*

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of May, 1917, have been published, and may be purchased* at a cost of 9d. per copy (post free 11d.).

Attention is further called to the fact that the two volumes of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1915 have been issued, and may be purchased* at a cost of 5s. 10d. (post free 6s. 5d.) for the first volume, and 4s. 3d. (post free, 4s. 9d.) for the second. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives in the first volume abstract tables for the years 1911–1915, and detailed statements of imports and exports of principal articles consigned from and to specified countries; and in the second volume particulars of the imports from the various countries returned for consumption, details as to Customs revenue, transhipments and articles in bond, with particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country and British possession, and of the trade at each port of the United Kingdom.

BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.*

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" (price 1d., post free 3d.) is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important contents of the June issue:—State of the Labour Market in the United Kingdom in May; Labour in the Textile Trades in Germany and certain adjacent neutral countries; Employment in Germany, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Canada, and the United States; Course of the Retail Prices of Food in the United Kingdom, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States; and Membership of Trade Unions in 1915.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Science and Industry: A series of papers bearing on Industrial Research—No. 1. Industrial Research in the United States of America, by A. P. M. Fleming, M.I.E.E. Price 1s. (*post free* 1s. 3*d.*).

See notice on p. 702.

Explosives Act, 1875 (38 *Vict. c.* 17). *Forty-first Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives; being their Annual Report for the year* 1916. [*Cd.* 8,609.] *Price* 1*d.* (*post free* 1½*d.*).

This Report deals with the work of H.M. Inspectors of Explosives under the Explosives Act of 1875 in connection with the manufacture, storage, packing and conveyance, and importation, etc., of explosives.

East India (*Income and Expenditure*). *Return of the net Income and Expenditure of British India, under certain specified Heads, for the three years* 1913-14 *to* 1915–16. (*H.C.* 90.) *Price* 3*d.* (*post free* 4*d.*).

Board of Education. Reports for the Year 1916 *on the Science Museum and on the Geological Survey and the Museum of Practical Geology.* [*Cd.* 8,603.] *Price* 1*d.* (*post free* 1½*d.*).

Statutory Rules and Orders, 1917.

Price 1*d.* (*post free* 1½*d.*).

Order by the Ministry of Food:—

No. 537. *The Sugar* (*Domestic Preserving*) *Order, 1917.*

COLONIAL OFFICE REPORT.

The following Report has been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

No. 921. East Africa Protectorate, 1915-16. Price 2d. (post free 2½d.).

* Copies of Government publications may be purchased through any Bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2., and 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin; or from the Agencies in the British Colonies and Dependencies, the United States of America, and other Foreign Countries, of T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., London, W.C. 2.

FOREIGN & COLONIAL PUBLICATIONS.

The following is a list of the more important Articles on trade subjects contained in the Foreign and Colonial Publications recently received and filed for reference at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, and which are available for inspection at the Offices of the Department, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2:—

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Agricultural, Dairy and Forest Products.

Produce Markets and Prices at Barcelona.
"*Vida Financiera*" (Madrid), 10th June.

Coffee, Sugar, Cotton, etc. Markets in Brazil: Price Quotations.
"*Diario Official*" (Rio de Janeiro), 11th and 17th May.

(1) Olive and Olive Oil Production in the various Provinces of Spain in 1916.

(2) Agricultural Produce Markets in Spain: Price Quotations.

(3) Crop Reports from the various Spanish Provinces.
"*Boletin de Agricultura, Técnica y Económica*" (Madrid), May.

Hide and Skin Trade of China.
"*Weekly Bulletin*" *of the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce* (Ottawa), 21st May.

Food Crop Outlook in the United States.
"*Bradstreet's*" (New York), 26th May.

Metals, Mining and Minerals.

Saltpetre Industry in India.
"*Indian Engineering*" (Calcutta), 5th May.

Iron Industry Situation in West Germany.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 9th June.

Steel Castings Industry in America: Historical Resumé of Progress.
"*Iron Age*" (New York), 31st May.

Fire Brick Market in Argentina, January-September, 1916.
"*Commerce Reports*" (Washington), 19th May.

Mineral Production at Deep Creek, Utah.
"*Engineering and Mining Journal*" (New York), 26th May.

Railways.

Andalusian Railways: Results of Working in 1916.
"*Vida Financiera*" (Madrid), 10th June.

State Railways of Sweden in 1916: Preliminary Report of the Railway Council.
"*Swedish Export*" (Stockholm), May.

Commercial, Financial and Economic.

United States of America: Increase of Trade with Canada in 1916-17.
"*Journal of Commerce*" (Montreal), 29th May.

Canada: Government Regulation of Prices during the War.
"*Labour Gazette*" (Ottawa), May.

Sweden: Swedish Industries in 1915.
"*Swedish Export*" (Stockholm), May.

United States of America: Trading with the Enemy Bill.
"*Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin*" (New York), 31st May.

South Africa: Import Trade in 1916.
"*Weekly Bulletin*" *of the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce* (Ottawa), 21st May.

British India:
(1) Industrial Prospects in Madras.
(2) Life Assurance Companies in 1915.
"*Wealth of India*" (Madras), April.

Miscellaneous.

Sulphuric Acid Industry in Burma: Extension of Production.
Weekly Budget of the "*Rangoon Gazette*" (Rangoon), 30th April.

Paper Trade Situation in Germany.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*" (Frankfort), 10th June.

Fishing Industry of the Canadian Pacific in 1916-17.
"*Canadian Fisherman*" (Montreal), May.

Cement Industry in Germany.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 8th June.

(1) Paint Industry in Spain: Supplies Required.

(2) Stock Dip Markets in Argentina, France, Spain, British India, and China.
"*Commerce Reports*" (Washington), 19th May.

(1) Flax Straw as Basis for the Paper Industry.

(2) World's Paper Industry Review.
"*Pulp and Paper Magazine*" (Montreal), 26th April.

(1) Motor Cars and Motor Cycles in use in Hong Kong.

(2) Motor Vehicles used in India.

(3) Motor Cars shown at the Rosebank (South Africa) Agricultural Society's Exhibition.
"*Commerce Reports*" (Washington), 18th May.

Foreign and Colonial Publications.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

British India—
Department of Statistics: Prices and Wages in India; Thirty-second Issue
Burma Chamber of Commerce: Annual Report for the year 1916.

Australia—
NEW SOUTH WALES—
Official Year-Book for 1915.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—
Annual Report for 1916 of the South Australian Chamber of Manufacturers (Inc.).
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—
Statistical Register for 1915: Population and Vital Statistics.

Canada—
Department of Marine and Fisheries: Forty-ninth Annual Report for the fiscal year 1915–16.
Department of the Naval Service: Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Fisheries Branch, 1915–16; Sessional Paper No. 39.
Ministry of Agriculture: Report for the year ended 31st March, 1916. Sessional Paper No. 15.
Department of Trade and Commerce: Annual Review of the Work of the Commercial Intelligence Service for the year 1916 (Supplement to the Weekly Bulletin).

Mauritius—A Collection of the Proclamations and Government Notifications for the year 1916.

Algeria—Employment Bureau of the Government-General of Algeria: Report for 1916.

Brazil—Trade and Shipping, January–September, 1916.

China—Hankow British Chamber of Commerce: Report for 1916.

Japan—Yokohama and Tokio Foreign Board of Trade: Report for 1916.

TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES IN LONDON OF THE SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

These Enquiry Offices are *maintained* in London at the following addresses *by the Governments indicated, viz.*:—

Dominion of Canada	19, Victoria Street, S.W. 1; also Portland House, Basinghall Street, E.C. 2 (Office of the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner).
Commonwealth of Australia	Australia House, Strand, W.C. 2.
New South Wales	Sydney House, 26-7, Cockspur Street, Trafalgar Square, S.W. 1.
Victoria	Melbourne Place, Strand, W.C. 2.
Queensland	409, West Strand, W.C. 2.
South Australia	112, Strand, W.C. 2.
Western Australia	Savoy House, 115-6, Strand, W.C. 2.
Tasmania	56, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.
Dominion of New Zealand	413, Strand, W.C. 2.
Union of South Africa...	Trades Commissioner, 90, Cannon Street, E.C. 4.

Trade enquiries in regard to Rhodesia may be made at the office of the British South Africa Co., 2, London Wall Buildings, E.C. 2.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the week and 25 weeks ended 21st June, 1917 :—

—	Week ended 21st June, 1917.	25 Weeks ended 21st June, 1917.	Week ended 21st June, 1917.	25 Weeks ended 21st June, 1917.
	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.	
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
American	27,887	1,075,523	77	36,694
Brazilian	—	13,111	—	—
East Indian	—	58,111	100	6,368
Egyptian	—	246,522	699	114,969
Miscellaneous	16	61,757*	242	2,711
Total	27,903	1,455,024	1,118	160,742

* Including 1,879 bales British West Indian, 4,131 bales British West African, 14,144 bales British East African, and 2,205 bales foreign East African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the **Average Price** of **British Corn,** per quarter of 8 bushels Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 23rd June, 1917, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

—	Average Price.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Week ended 23rd June, 1917	78 1	75 0	55 2
Corresponding Week in—			
1910	29 9	19 11	17 7
1911	31 10	24 5	19 9
1912	37 10	30 2	23 11
1913	32 8	24 3	19 1
1914	34 3	25 4	20 0
1915	52 0	34 4	31 9
1916	47 6	49 10	31 3

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial Bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

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Samples of foreign competitive goods and commercial products which are received from abroad from time to time are exhibited at the Offices of the Department.

Samples of goods of German and Austrian manufacture which are sold in British markets abroad and in certain foreign markets are on exhibition in the Sample Rooms of the Department—*see Notice on p.* 683.

The British Industries Fair, 1917, was held at the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Imperial Institute, London, from 26th February until 9th March. Concurrently with the London Fair, a Fair was held at Glasgow. It is the intention of the Board of Trade to hold a Fair every year.

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Particulars regarding the supply of **Confidential Information** to firms in the United Kingdom are given on p. 683.

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H.M. TRADE COMMISSIONERS IN THE SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

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New Zealand	**H.M. Trade Commissioner, P.O. Box 369, Wellington. Telegraphic Address, "Advantage."**
South Africa	**H.M. Trade Commissioner, P.O. Box 1346. Cape Town Telegraphic Address, "Austere."**

MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

Labour Advisory Committees.

The Minister of Labour, by virtue of Section 2 of the Labour Exchanges Act, 1909, and all other powers conferred on him in this behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. (*a*) Advisory committees shall be appointed by the Minister of Labour in such areas of the United Kingdom as he may think fit, or for the United Kingdom as a whole, after consultation with such bodies and persons as he may think best qualified to advise him on the matter.

(*b*) The members of an advisory committee, including the chairman, shall remain in office for three years, except where the Minister otherwise directs in any particular case, and provided that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall not hold office after the termination of the period during which the person in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

(*c*) Sub-committees of an advisory committee may be appointed and a sub-committee for Women's work shall be appointed in all cases, except where the Minister of Labour is satisfied that its appointment is unnecessary; the chairman and members of each sub-committee shall be appointed by the Minister of Labour after consultation with the advisory committee.

(*d*) If any members present at a meeting of an advisory committee or sub-committee dissent from a resolution passed by a majority of the committee or sub-committee at that meeting, they shall have the right to have their views duly recorded, and it shall be the duty of the chairman to forward this record with a copy of the resolution to the Minister of Labour.

(*e*) Subject to these Regulations the procedure of any advisory committee or sub-committee shall be determined from time to time by the Minister of Labour, or by the committee or sub-committee with the approval of the Minister.

2. All applications for accommodation within the premises of an exchange shall be made to the officer in charge of such exchange, who shall consult the advisory committee for the district. Any such application shall only be granted for such purposes and on such terms and conditions as may be laid down in general rules made by the committee, with the approval of the Minister.

3. The Minister shall have power to terminate, as he may think fit, the appointment of any advisory trade committee appointed under section vii. of the General Regulations, 1910, whether or not the period of three years for which the committee was appointed or re-appointed has expired.

4. Regulations vii. and viii. (1) of the General Regulations, 1910, are hereby repealed save in so far as they apply to advisory trade committees the period of appointment of which has not expired and has not been terminated.

NATIONAL INSURANCE (UNEMPLOYMENT) ACTS, 1911 TO 1916
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Decisions by the Umpire.

Pursuant to paragraph (5) of the Unemployment Insurance (Umpire) Regulations, the Minister of Labour hereby gives Notice of the following decisions by the Umpire on questions whether contributions are payable:—

A. The Umpire has decided that contributions ARE PAYABLE in respect of:—

2321X. Workmen engaged in the treatment of ore for the separation of wolfram.

2324X. Workmen engaged in the manufacture of pull-throughs for small arms.

2325X. Workmen engaged wholly or mainly in fitting-up cast-iron fuse boxes, such as are commonly used for ordinary domestic installations.

2326X. Workmen engaged wholly or mainly in making charges for small arms ammunition.

2327X. Workmen employed by firms of tube makers and engaged wholly or mainly in tagging, skimming or bell-mouthing tubes for the automobile industry.

2328X. Workmen described as sheet metal workers, and engaged in the manufacture of:—

(1) despatch and other tin boxes, canisters, kegs, footwarmers, travelling cases, cases for cues, etc.;
(2) bread, meat, biscuit or cake tins; strainers, bottles, wash-ups, drippers, cooking utensils, kettles, portable gas-heated boilers, milk cans, urns, etc.;
(3) Sheet metal goods for ironmongery trade, such as ventilators, fire extinguishers, stoves, dustbins, tallboys, cowls, stovepipes, baths, oil or water cans, tins for oil, colours, etc.; tennis markers, domestic gas meters, ceiling decoration;
(4) sheet metal accessories for cycles and motor cycles, such as lamps, bells, pumps;
(5) tanks, cisterns, welded kitchen boilers;
(6) sheet metal generators for acetylene or petrol gas;
(7) movable furniture, shelving, lockers, desks, cupboards;
(8) sheet metal cylinders for packing and transit of explosives; chargers for small arms ammunition;
(9) tubes for Axminster carpet weaving;
(10) sheet metal ducts for ventilating, extracting, conveying, exhausting, drying or similar purposes, including cowls, heads, separators, but not including power-driven fans.

2329X. Workmen employed in making iron fittings for wooden pulley blocks, and not employed in a shipbuilding yard. (Application 497.)

2330X. Workmen employed by pipe founders, and engaged wholly or mainly in machining the faces or flanges or other parts of cast-iron pipes.

2331X. Workmen engaged in flapping, cranking, or shutting axles for use in horse-drawn vehicles.

2332X. Workmen engaged in making hollow concrete slabs for building purposes.

2333X. Workmen (other than those engaged in ironfounding) who are engaged in making retarding mechanism for roller shutters.

2334X. Workmen engaged in repairing metal tubs for slag.

2335X. Workmen engaged in the manufacture of spraying machines for limewashing, disinfecting or horticultural purposes.

2336X. Workmen (other than stockfitters) engaged in the manufacture of metallic ships' berths.

2337X. Workmen engaged in the manufacture of rifle or hand grenades or bombs (other than those insured under Part II of the National Insurance Act, 1911).

National Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 *to* 1916.

2339X. Workmen engaged in the manufacture of automatic balances for weighing cartridges.

2340X. Workmen engaged in the manufacture of permanent magnets.

2341X. Workmen employed wholly or mainly in making steel helmets for military use.

2342X. Workmen described as steel bottle makers, and engaged in shaping steel tubes into bottles or cylinders for containing gases.

2343X. Mine smiths employed by a tin-mining company, when engaged wholly or mainly in sharpening rock drills and miners' tools, repairing pit cages, skips, water and ore buckets.

2344X. Workmen engaged in making metal top plates for hat curling frames.

2345X. Workmen engaged in putting up or packing type at a factory engaged in the manufacture of type, or in a warehouse immediately connected therewith.

2347X. Workmen engaged in machine woodwork in connection with the manufacture of cabinets for addressograph machines, or in the manufacture of metal plates for use in such machines.

B. The Umpire has decided that contributions ARE NOT PAYABLE in respect of :—

2322. Workmen employed at woollen mills and engaged in the recovery of oil from waste materials.

This decision reverses decision A. 1736X ("Board of Trade Journal" of the 7th September, 1916).

2323. Workmen employed in hand woodwork in connection with the manufacture of lappet wheels for the textile trade.

2338. Workmen (other than those engaged in machine woodwork) who are engaged wholly or mainly in making, assembling or finishing small wooden cash tills (not being patent cash tills or registers which contain mechanism for totalling the various items recorded).

2346. Workmen employed in hand woodwork in the manufacture of portable incubators.

2348. Workmen engaged in hand woodwork in the manufacture of cabinets for addressograph machines.

Note.—Decisions in which the Umpire has decided that contributions are payable under the National Insurance (Part II.) (Munition Workers) Act, 1916, are indicated by the letter X at the end of the number, *e.g.*, 1554X. Contributions under these decisions are payable as from the 4th September, 1916.

Where no reference is given to an Application, the question has been decided by the Umpire, without notice, as a matter not admitting of reasonable doubt, in accordance with paragraph (2) of the Unemployment Insurance (Umpire) Regulations.

Decisions relating to individual workmen which raise no question of general interest, or which merely apply a principle laid down in a previous decision, are not published.

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I.—ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS:—

Annual Statement of the Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom. 1915. Vol. I. [Cd. 8284/16.] Price 5s. 10d. (post free 6s. 5d.); Vol. II. [Cd. 8357.] Price 4s. 3d. (post free 4s. 9d.).

Annual Statement of the Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1913. [Cd. 7616/14.] Price 3s. (post free 3s. 6d.).

Assurance Companies' Return, 1915. Part A. [H.C. 397.] Price 6s. (post free 6s. 7d.).

Australia.—Report by H.M. Trade Commissioner for the year 1915. [Cd. 8285/16.] Price 3½d. (post free 4½d.).

Bankruptcy. Report for the year 1915. [H.C. 136/16.] Price 2½d. (post free 3½d.).

Canada.—Report by H.M. Trade Commissioner for the year 1915. [Cd. 8270/16.] Price 3d. (post free 4d.).

Coal Shipments, 1914 and 1915. [Cd. 8288/16.] Price 2½d. (post free 3d.).

*Coal Tables.—Statistical Tables relating to Coal and Petroleum Production in the World, 1886-1912. [H.C. 285/13.] Price 5½d. (post free 7d.).

*Colonial Import Duties Return, 1915. [Cd. 8094/14.] Price 4s. 2d. (post free 4s. 9d.).

Companies. Twenty-fifth General Annual Report, 1915. [H.C. 134/17.] Price 4d (post free 5d.).

Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Act, 1896. Eleventh Report. [H.C. 89/13.] Price 8½d. (post free 10d.).

*Consular Reports Index, 1914. [Cd. 8003/15.] Price 5½d. (post free 7d.).

*Emigration and Immigration—Statistical Tables and Report, 1913. [H.C. 295/14.] Price 6d. (post free 8d.)

*Foreign Import Duties, 1913. [Cd. 7180/14.] Price 5s. (post free 5s. 7d.).

*Imports and Exports, 1900-13, at prices of 1900. [Cd. 7432/14.] Price 4d. (post free 5d.).

*Industrial Directory of the United Kingdom. [Cd. 7483/14.] Price 1s. 3d. (post free 1s. 7d.)

*Iron and Steel, 1912. Memorandum and Statistical Tables. [H.C. 284/13.] Price 7d. (post free 9d.).

*Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom. [Cd. 7733/15.] Price 1s. 6d. (post free 2s.).

*Merchant Shipping, 1881-1911.—Tables showing the Progress of Merchant Shipping in the United Kingdom and the principal Maritime Countries. [Cd. 7033/13.] Price 9½d. (post free 1s.).

New Zealand.—Report by H.M. Trade Commissioner for the Year 1915. [Cd. 8268/16.] Price 3d. (post free 4d.).

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Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks.—Report for the Year 1916. [H.C. 79/17.] Price 2d. (post free 2½d.).

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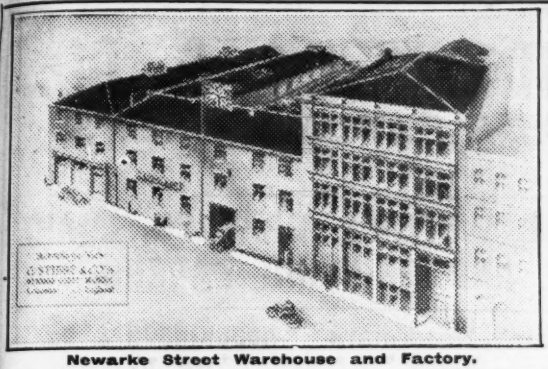

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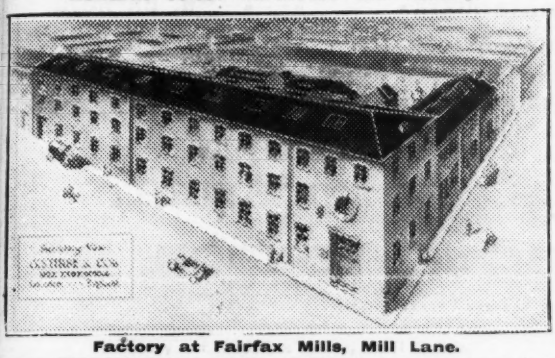

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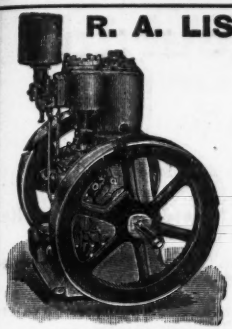

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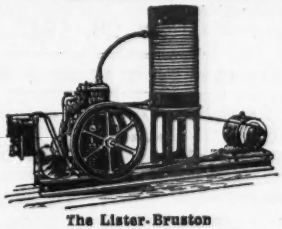

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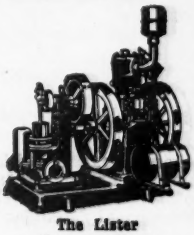

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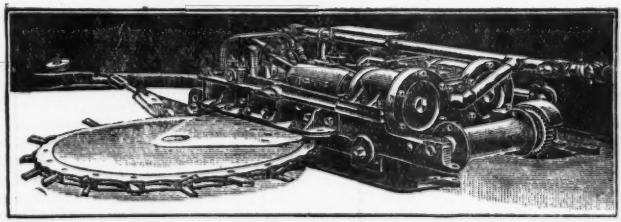

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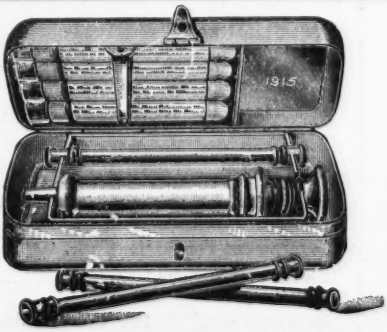

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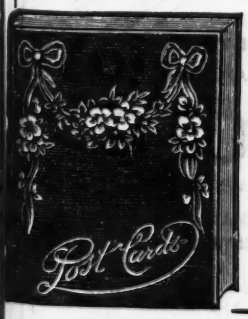

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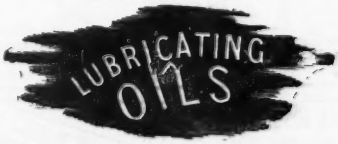

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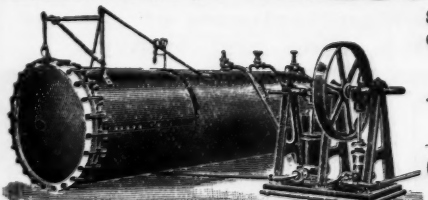

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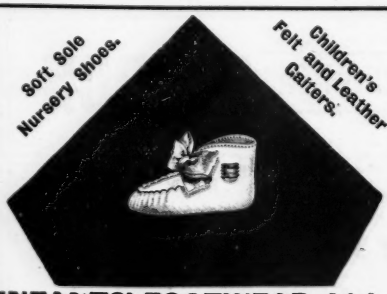

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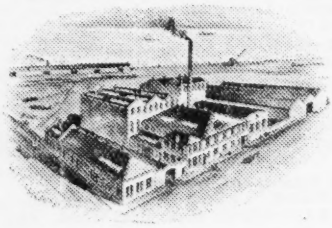
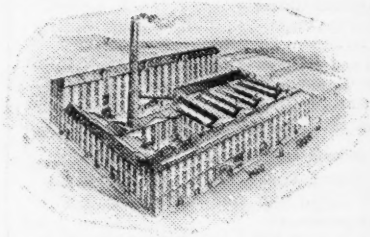

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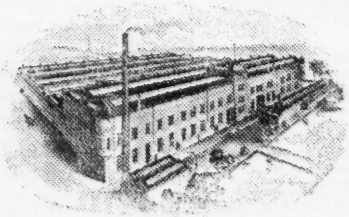

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